

## Blackout Round 2? Californians brace for possible outage

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Hundreds of thousands of Northern California residents braced for another possible power outage as the state's largest utility warned that a return of dangerous fire weather could prompt shut-offs across 16 counties.

The warning from Pacific Gas & Electric about a possible blackout Wednesday prompted a feeling of resignation among residents and business owners and renewed rushes to stock up

on emergency supplies. "I think it's not panic per se, just 'Eh, we gotta do this AGAIN?'" said Kim Schefer, manager of Village True Value Hardware in Santa Rosa. Schefer was busy Tuesday directing customers to gas cans and batteries as they prepared for what many see as a costly, frustrating new routine. It would be the second blackout in two weeks for much of the state. PG&E cut power to more than 2 million people across the San Francisco Bay Area in rolling blackouts from Oct. 9-12, para-



A firefighter gets caught off-guard by a flare up of the Palisades Fire in the Highlands neighborhood in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.

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lyzing parts of the region in what was the largest deliberate blackout in state

history. Schools and universities canceled classes and many businesses were

forced to close.

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## U.S. diplomat: Trump linked Ukraine aid to demand for probe

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A top U.S. diplomat testified Tuesday that President Donald Trump was holding back military aid for Ukraine unless the country agreed to investigate Democrats and a company linked to Joe Biden's family, providing lawmakers with a detailed new account of the quid pro quo central to the impeachment probe.

In a lengthy opening statement to House investigators, William Taylor described Trump's demand that "everything" President Volodymyr Zelenskiy wanted, including vital aid to counter Russia, hinged on making a public vow that



**Ambassador William Taylor is escorted by U.S. Capitol Police as he arrives to testify before House committees as part of the Democrats' impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.**

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Ukraine would investigate Democrats going back to the 2016 U.S. election as well as a company linked

to the family of Trump's potential 2020 Democratic rival.

Taylor testified that what he discovered in Kyiv was the Trump administration's "irregular" back channel to foreign policy led by the president's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and "ultimately alarming circumstances" that threatened to erode the United States' relationship with a budding Eastern European ally facing Russian aggression.

In a date-by-date account, detailed across several pages, the seasoned diplomat who came out of retirement to take over as charge d'affaires at the embassy in Ukraine details his mounting concern as he realized Trump was trying to put the newly elected president of the young democracy "in a public box." "I sensed something odd," he testified, describing a trio of Trump officials planning a call with Zelenskiy, including one, Ambassador Gordon Sondland, who wanted to make sure "no one was transcribing or monitoring" it.

Lawmakers who emerged after nearly 10 hours of the

private deposition were stunned at Taylor's account, which some Democrats said established a "direct line" to the quid pro quo at the center of the impeachment probe.

"It was shocking," said Rep. Karen Bass, a California Democrat. "It was very clear that it was required — if you want the assistance, you have to make a public statement." She characterized it as "it's this for that."

Rep. Dina Titus, a Democrat from Nevada, said, "You can see how damning this is." Titus said, "This certainly makes it pretty clear what was going on. And it was a quid pro quo."

The account reaches to the highest levels of the administration, drawing in Vice President Mike Pence and Trump's acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, and slices at the core of the Republican defense of the administration and the president's insistence of no wrongdoing. It also lays bare the struggle between Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton and those who a previous State Department witness described as the "three amigos" — Sondland, Energy Secretary Rick Perry and special envoy Kurt Volker — who were involved in the alternative Ukraine policy vis-a-vis Russia. It's illegal to seek or receive contributions of value from a foreign entity for a U.S. election.

"President Trump has done nothing wrong," said White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham. "This is a coordinated smear campaign from far-left lawmakers and radical unelected bureaucrats waging war on the Constitution. There was no quid pro quo."

Taylor's appearance was among the most anticipated before House inves-

tigators because of a series of text messages with the other diplomats in which he called Trump's attempt to hold back military aid to Ukraine "crazy."

His testimony opens a new front in the impeachment inquiry, and it calls into question the account from Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, who told Congress last week that he did not fully remember some details of the events and was initially unaware that the gas company Burisma was tied to the Bidens.

Taylor told lawmakers that Sondland, a wealthy businessman who donated \$1 million to Trump's inauguration, was aware of the demands and later admitted he made a mistake by telling the Ukrainians that military assistance was not contingent on agreeing to Trump's requests.

"In fact, Ambassador Sondland said, 'everything' was dependent on such an announcement, including the security assistance," Taylor recalled. "Ambassador Sondland told me that President Trump had told him that he wants President Zelenskyy to state publicly that Ukraine will investigate Burisma and alleged Ukrainian interference in the 2016 U.S. election," Taylor said about a Sept. 1 phone call between them.

Taylor apparently kept detailed records of conversations and documents, lawmakers said.

The retired diplomat, a former Army officer, had been serving as executive vice president at the U.S. Institute of Peace, a nonpartisan think tank founded by Congress, when he was appointed to run the embassy in Kyiv after Trump suddenly recalled Ambassador Maria Yovanovitch. □

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Firefighters watch as a helicopter drops water in a wildfire in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.

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Earlier this week, PG&E notified 200,000 customers, or roughly a half-million people, that it could begin a new round of precautionary shut-offs mostly in the Sierra foothills and north of the San Francisco Bay Area. Blackouts would last at least 48 hours, the utility said.

PG&E says it's concerned that winds forecast to hit 60 mph (97 kph) could throw branches and debris into power lines or topple them, sparking wildfires.

At Murphy's Irish Pub in Sonoma, co-owner Dermot Coll groaned at the thought of another power outage.

The watering hole kept its doors open during the last 48-hour shut-off, but it wasn't easy because generator power to the walk-in coolers kept failing.

"We made it work, but it was a headache," Coll said. "We kept saying, 'Is this even worth it?'"

Coll said he fears that precautionary blackouts will

become a regular occurrence now that fire season in California is a year-round phenomenon.

"It's going to be an annual event, I'm afraid. I hate to say it, but I believe it's probably true," he said.

PG&E has cast the blackouts as a matter of public safety to prevent the kind of blazes that have killed scores of people in California over the past several years, destroyed thousands of homes, and ran up tens of billions of dollars in claims that drove the company into bankruptcy.

California Gov. Gavin sent a sharply worded letter Tuesday to Bill Johnson, CEO of the utility, blaming the unprecedented mass outage earlier this month on the company's failure to maintain and upgrade its equipment.

"I believe the unacceptable scope and duration of the previous outage — deliberately forcing 735,000 customers to endure power outages — was the direct result of decades of PG&E prioritizing profit over pub-

lic safety," Newsom wrote, referring to the number of businesses and households affected, not the total number of people.

PG&E says the shutdowns are not about money.

"The sole intent is to prevent

a catastrophic wildfire," Johnson said in a Monday briefing.

A huge portion of California is under high fire risk amid unpredictable gusts and soaring temperatures.

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son, which had warned of possible outages at any time, announced Monday evening that none would take place in the next 48 hours but warned that it was monitoring the weather. □



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## After verifying addresses, Census Bureau is hiring thousands

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**  
Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — After verifying millions of addresses, the U.S. Census Bureau is kicking off a campaign

to recruit and hire as many as 500,000 temporary workers to help with the largest head count in U.S. history next spring, an agency official said Tuesday.

Timothy Olson, the agency's associate director for field operations, said 32,000 workers verified 50 million addresses over an almost two-month period that

ended more than a week ago. Olson called the address verification process a success.

"It worked," Olson said at a news conference in

Phoenix. "Until it works, you don't feel good, and I was so relieved."

The agency already has applications from 900,000 people for 2020 Census jobs, but the bureau wants a potential pool of 2.7 million applicants to choose from. Most of the hiring will be done in the first quarter of next year.

The 2020 Census head count will be the first decennial census in which respondents are encouraged to answer questions online, though they will also be able to answer questions by telephone and with mail-in paper questionnaires.

Most of the workers will be used for visits to households that don't respond. The pay for the part-time work will range from \$13.50 to \$30 an hour.

Census officials have acknowledged the challenges of hiring in a tight labor market and are launching paid advertisement this week to recruit applicants. The 2020 Census will help determine how many congressional seats each state gets, as well as the allocation of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal spending.

Separately, seven former Census Bureau directors on Tuesday wrote an open letter to congressional leaders, urging them to fully fund Census Bureau operations as soon as possible. Without that funding, they said the bureau's 2020 Census efforts could be hampered.

The letter noted that President Donald Trump's 2020 request for \$5.3 billion in new funding for the census was below the House of Representatives' \$7.5 billion request and the Senate Appropriations Committee's \$6.7 billion. □



## Aruba Beach Club Hires Narshell Gibbs As Their New General Manager

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Aruba Beach Club is proud to welcome a fresh face to its management team. Aruba native, Narshell Gibbs, will assume the position of General Manager of the club effective October 30, 2019.

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## Texas GOP speaker drops re-election bid after secret tape

By CLARICE SILBER  
Associated Press

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — Texas' embattled GOP House speaker announced Tuesday that he won't seek re-election after a growing number of Republicans called for his resignation following the release of a secretly recorded conversation in which he sought help to oust members of his own caucus in 2020 and used foul language to disparage Democrats. The decision by Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen comes less than a week after the release

of the hourlong tape that sparked among the biggest political scandal in the state in years. Bonnen's retreat puts Republicans' fragile dominance of the state Legislature further at stake.

"After much prayer, consultation, and thoughtful consideration with my family, it is clear that I can no longer seek re-election as State Representative of District 25, and subsequently, as Speaker of the House," Bonnen said in a statement that included a list of 43 House Republicans calling for him to step down.

Though he will not seek re-election in 2020, Bonnen of Angleton, Texas, will serve the rest of his first term as House speaker.

The Texas Legislature won't meet again until 2021, when lawmakers will redraw voting maps and political control of the House and Senate will be critical. Heading into 2020, Democrats can grab a majority if they flip nine seats in the lower chamber.

The secretly recorded June meeting between Bonnen and the head of a conservative group called Empower Texans is at the cen-



In this May 23, 2019, file photo, Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, right, with Governor Greg Abbott, left, speaks at a news conference at the Texas Governor's Mansion in Austin, Texas.  
Associated Press

ter of an ongoing state police investigation. The lobbying group often criticizes Republicans it feels aren't conservative enough on issues such as spending, abortion and guns, Bonnen can be heard asking for the help of Empower Texans CEO Michael Quinn Sullivan in targeting several Republican incumbents in primaries next year. He also suggests he can provide a news affiliate of Empower Texans with media credentials for access to the House floor in exchange for the group's help.

Bonnen sought to drive out moderate GOP members who he believed stood in the way of his agenda, and he used crude language while discussing freshman Democrats whose midterm victories in 2018 weakened the GOP's House majority. "Jon Rosenthal makes my skin crawl. He's a piece of (expletive)," Bonnen said in the recording. He refers to Michelle Beckley as "vile."

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who remained largely silent after the tape was released, thanked Bonnen in for his work but did not comment directly on the scandal.

"Looking ahead to 2020, the Republican Party of Texas must unite and work together to retain a majority in the Texas House," Abbott said in a statement. "To that cause, I am redoubling my efforts to ensure we achieve that goal."

Five top House Republicans released a statement Monday night stating they no longer supported Bonnen. "It is clear that trust and confidence in the Speaker has significantly eroded among our membership, and the matter has both damaged the reputation of the House and relationships among individual members," they said.

The Texas Republican Caucus condemned Bonnen's remarks in a statement released on Friday. □

## Jimmy Carter hospitalized after fall at Georgia home

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Former President Jimmy Carter had another fall at his home in Plains, Georgia, fracturing his pelvis and going to the hospital for treatment and observation, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Carter Center spokeswoman Deanna Congileo described the fracture as minor. Her statement said that the 95-year-old was in good spirits at the Phoebe Sumter Medical Center after falling on Monday evening, and that he was looking forward to recovering at home.

This is the third time Carter has fallen in recent months. He first fell in the spring and required hip replacement surgery.

Carter fell again Oct. 6 and despite receiving 14 stitches, traveled the same day to Nashville, Tennessee, to rally volunteers and, later, to help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Carter is the oldest living former president in U.S. history. He and



In this Monday, Oct. 7, 2019 file photo, Former President Jimmy Carter answers questions during a news conference at a Habitat for Humanity project, in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

92-year-old Rosalynn recently became the longest married first couple, surpassing George and Barbara Bush, with more than 73 years of marriage.

The 39th president survived a dire cancer diagnosis in 2015, and last month, he matter-of-factly told an audience that they might be hearing his last annual Carter Center address. □





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## U.S. highway deaths fall in 2018 for second straight year

By **TOM KRISHER**  
AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — Traffic deaths in the U.S. fell slightly in 2018 for the second straight year, the government's road safety agency said Tuesday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration attributed the 2.4% drop partially to technology in newer vehicles that can prevent crashes.

A total of 36,560 people died on the nation's roads in last year, the latest full-year statistics available.

The agency said the downward trend is continuing into 2019. First-half estimates show fatalities down 3.4%.

"This is encouraging news, but still far too many perished or were injured, and nearly all crashes are preventable, so much more work remains to be done to make America's roads safer for everyone," Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, whose department oversees NHTSA, said in a statement.

The overall declines in 2017 and 2018 came after two years of large increases blamed on people driving more as the economy improved.

But pedestrian deaths rose 3.4%, and the number of people killed on bicycles and other pedaled vehicles went up 6.3%. People killed in large-truck crashes rose just under 1%.

The agency reported 6,283

pedestrian deaths, the highest total in 28 years, according to Consumer Reports, which said pedes-

Most of the pedestrian deaths, 76%, and half the bicyclist deaths occurred after dark, and the some

SUVs as a factor in the increases. SUVs sit taller than cars, which can make it more difficult for drivers to

tems. It's also working with the Federal Highway Administration to reduce bicycle and pedestrian deaths. "This is an epidemic of preventable deaths," said Jake Fisher, senior director of auto testing for Consumer Reports.

"We need to double down to figure out how to achieve better pedestrian detection and more widespread adoption."

The agency said that the number of deaths in crashes with distracted drivers hit 2,841 in 2018, or 7.8% of total traffic deaths. But the 2018 number is down 12.4% from 2017, according to the agency.

The Truck Safety Coalition, an advocacy group, said crashes involving at least one large truck killed 4,951 people last year. In a statement, the group said fatalities involving large trucks have increased 46.5% in the past decade, yet the administration of President Donald Trump has pushed for proposals that would make it easier for truck drivers to work 17-hour days, and to remove a 30-minute break requirement for truck drivers after eight hours of work.

At the same time, the Transportation Department hasn't done anything to advance safety rules that would require automatic emergency braking or electronic speed limiters for big rigs, the statement said. □



In this July 1, 2016 file photo, drivers work their way out of Dallas during rush hour. The U.S. government's road safety agency says traffic deaths fell by a small amount for the second straight year.

Associated Press

trian fatalities have risen about 53% since 2009. NHTSA said alcohol-impaired fatalities dropped 3.6% in 2018, while fatalities attributed to speeding fell 5.7%. Motorcycle deaths declined 4.7%, the agency said.

pedestrians and cyclists had some alcohol in their systems. Seventy-four percent of the pedestrian deaths occurred outside of intersections, the agency reported.

NHTSA also said it would look into the increase in

see pedestrians and cyclists.

The agency said in a statement that it's also studying changes in its five-star crash assessment program and will consider including new technologies such as pedestrian detection sys-



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This booking photo released by the Pelham Police Department shows Dale Holloway, arrested on several charges following a shooting at a wedding at New England Pentecostal Ministries on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, in Pelham, N.H.

Associated Press

## Charges: Church shooting suspect badly beats public defender

By **HOLLY RAMER**

Associated Press

**CONCORD, N.H. (AP)** —

A man charged with attempted murder in a church shooting attacked his public defender during a jailhouse meeting, sending the man to intensive care with severe head injuries and no memory of the beating, according to documents released Tuesday. Dale Holloway, 37, of Manchester, assaulted public defender Michael Davidow on Monday morning at the Valley Street jail in Manchester, New Hampshire, the documents said. No one saw the assault because the two men were in an unmonitored interview room, and the closest officer was at a desk facing away from the room, according to jail officials.

Attorneys generally turn the lights on and off or tap the glass to get the officer's attention when a meeting

ends, officials told police. In this case, the officer heard a knock and turned to see Holloway standing up and Davidow seated at the table, with his hands over his face and blood dripping onto the floor.

During the ambulance ride, Davidow told paramedics he was a public defender but didn't remember going to work, and he was unable to answer questions about the year or time of day. At the hospital, he said he remembered putting his phone and keys into a locker at the jail before his meeting with Holloway, and then waking up in the ambulance.

The lawyer, who suffered a broken nose, a stroke caused by bleeding around the brain and other injuries, also told police that a previous meeting with Holloway hadn't gone well, and that Holloway did not want him as his lawyer. □



Ridgeway High School students are led back to their classes after the arrest of a suspect who opened fire from on another student across the street from the high school, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Associated Press

## Student shot teen near California school, slipped into class

By **STEFANIE DAZIO**

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Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A

17-year-old boy gunned down another student on a sidewalk outside their school Tuesday, ditched his gun and slipped into a class without arousing suspicion, evading capture for almost two hours as he joined thousands of students locked down inside classrooms because of the shooting he carried out, police said.

The teen was arrested in a gym class by officers who used surveillance video to track him after he shot and wounded a 16-year-old boy, then handed his gun in a backpack to someone in a car.

"It's disturbing to see that he was able to go right around to his normal business," police Capt. John Cregan

told The Associated Press. "It's a scary situation."

The two teens got into an argument before the gunman shot the victim twice. He fell down but was able to get back up and walk to a car that took him to the hospital, Cregan said. He was in stable condition. Police don't know if the person who took the backpack and drove away knew a gun was inside. They're investigating whether the shooting was gang related. More than 10,000 students and staffers in a complex with three schools were locked down after the shooting outside Ridgeway High School in Santa Rosa, north of San Francisco.

The shooter was "behaving normally," following lockdown protocol by going to the nearest classroom after the shooting. The gym teacher and other students

didn't realize he was the gunman, Cregan said.

Witnesses told police the shooter fired three to four rounds before fleeing, authorities said. Dozens of students were in the area at the time. The attacker was booked into jail on suspicion of attempted murder. Panicked parents got text messages and worried about their kids' safety. Cherie Posluszny said her 17-year-old daughter texted that someone got shot. A minute later, the girl texted, "I love you," followed by another message before her phone stopped working. She then used a friend's phone, and her mother asked if she was OK.

"Not really. But I will be OK," her daughter responded. The girl said she spent hours lying on the cold floor hiding behind a teacher's desk with other students. □



## UNHCR probes Libya-Malta interception in migrant rescue

By **RENATA BRITO**  
**GIADA ZAMPANO**  
**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — The U.N. refugee agency is investigating why Malta last week allegedly asked the Libyan coast guard to intercept a migrant boat in a zone of the Mediterranean under Maltese responsibility, in possible violation of maritime law, a U.N. official said Tuesday.

Vincent Cochetel, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees' special envoy for the central Mediterranean, told reporters in Rome that "there's some evidence that Malta requested assistance (from) the Libyan coast guard to intervene" in its own search and rescue region on Oct. 18.

He said that "we are looking into the reasons of Malta's request," including that Malta may have asked Libya to intervene for technical reasons.

"The problem is that the migrants were disembarked in Libya. That's certainly a violation of maritime laws ... It's clear that Libya isn't a safe port," he added.

The Oct. 18 interception was reported by Alarm Phone, an independent hotline for migrants in need of rescue at sea.

The group first received a



In this Sept. 17, 2019, file photo, migrants aboard a blue plastic boat are seen in the Mediterranean Sea.

call and GPS position from the boat carrying 50 migrants, including 10 women and five children, early that afternoon and informed Malta about the case, as it was in the country's search and rescue region.

"We will take care of everything" a Maltese officer on duty told an Alarm Phone activist at 2:40 p.m., according to a transcript of the call provided to the Associated Press by Alarm Phone.

But in the hours following

the first contact, Malta's rescue and coordination center stopped answering calls from Alarm Phone, which attempted to follow up on the rescue. By 5 p.m. the boat reported it was leaking and later that a helicopter was flying over it.

At 9:30 pm, nearly seven hours later, Malta informed Alarm Phone that the boat had been intercepted by the EU-trained Libyan coast guard, some 41 nautical miles from the Italian island of Lampedusa and 110

nautical miles from Tripoli.

The Libyan coast guard did not answer repeated requests from AP about the case. The Maltese government declined to comment about the case, which could also raise human rights issues.

According to international maritime law, people rescued at sea should be taken to the nearest port of safety. But migrants rescued by the Libyan coast guard are returned to the war-torn country and sent

to EU-funded detention centers where many are victims of extortion, sexual abuse and human trafficking.

According to the UNHCR there are currently 650,000 migrants in Libya.

According to the transcript, Maltese authorities justified the interception saying that the Libyans "had (taken) the case earlier, outside the Maltese Search and Rescue region."

Ever since Libya registered a massive search-and-rescue area of the Mediterranean Sea last year, the European Union left the task of migrant rescues largely to the nation currently at war.

As a result, sea arrivals to Italy dropped dramatically from 21,426 from January 1 to October 9 of last year, to 7,939 in the same period this year.

The same did not happen in the tiny European archipelago nation of Malta, which continued being responsible for search-and-rescue in waters close to the Italian island of Lampedusa and north of Libya's search-and-rescue area. So far this year Malta has seen nearly 3,000 migrant arrivals by sea compared to 989 in the same period last year. □

## Oslo police shoot to stop man driving on sidewalk, 3 injured

By **JAN M. OLSEN**  
**Associated Press**

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark**  
**(AP)** — An armed Norwegian man stole an ambulance and drove it along a sidewalk in Oslo on Tuesday, injuring two toddlers as police tried to stop him by shooting at the tires and ramming the vehicle.

The 32-year-old man was injured and arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, authorities said.

Inside the stolen ambulance, police found an Uzi submachine gun, a shotgun and what they said were "large amounts" of narcotics. "It is too early to say whether this is terror-related, but we are investigating broadly and fully," police said in a statement.



Police detain a man, bottom left laying on the ground, next to a damaged ambulance that he stole after an incident in the center of Oslo, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

Investigator Grete Lier Mettid said the suspect was known to have had ties to far-right groups.

Police did not identify the

man by name. "It is, however, too early to say anything about the motive," Lier Mettid told a news conference in the Norwegian

capital. Johan Fredriksen, a senior police officer, said the ambulance ran into a stroller carrying two seven-month old twins, though they were not believed to be seriously injured. An elderly couple who dived under a parked car to avoid the ambulance escaped injury. Police shot at the tires to stop the ambulance and did not target the man, Fredriksen said. The vehicle stopped after being rammed by police.

A video posted by several Norwegian media showed how police officers pulled the man out of the ambulance through the side window because the front door had been damaged when it collided with obstacles, including a road sign.

The yellow-and-blue ambulance was stolen after authorities responded to a traffic accident on an Oslo traffic circle in which a car had turned over. The man left the scene on foot and pointed a weapon at police officers before stealing the ambulance. A 25-year-old woman who was a passenger in the overturned car was later arrested. Both the man and the woman are known to the police, Lier Mettid told reporters. Anders Bayer, a spokesman for Oslo University Hospital, confirmed to Norwegian news agency NTB that the ambulance was stolen by an armed person. Three employees in the vehicle when it was stolen were unharmed, Bayer added. □





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## Brexit in limbo as Boris Johnson wins 1 vote, loses another

By JILL LAWLESS  
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Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson won one vote and lost another in Parliament on Tuesday, a result that inches him closer to his goal of leading Britain out of the European Union — but effectively guarantees it won't happen on the scheduled date of Oct. 31.

The good news for the prime minister was that lawmakers — for the first time since Britons chose in 2016 to leave the EU — voted for a Brexit plan, backing by 329-299 a bill to implement the agreement Johnson struck with the EU last week. But minutes later, legislators rejected his fast-track timetable to pass the bill, saying they needed more time to scrutinize it. The vote went 322-308 against the government.

Johnson responded by stopping the legislation dead in its tracks. He had planned to push it through the House of Commons by Thursday.

But he said he would "pause" the legislation until the EU had decided whether to agree to delay Britain's departure.

With the Brexit deadline looming and British politicians still squabbling over the country's departure terms, Johnson was forced to ask the EU for a three-month delay to Britain's departure date.

He did that, grudgingly, to comply with a law passed by Parliament ordering the government to postpone Brexit rather than risk the economic damage that could come from a no-deal exit.

European Council President Donald Tusk said earlier Tuesday that EU leaders "will decide in coming

days" whether to grant Britain that extension — what would be the third. French

would leave the bloc on the scheduled date of Oct. 31, come what may.

The Brexit deal sets out the terms of Britain's departure, including measures to

transition period, uncertainty for millions of citizens and a host of new tariffs, customs checks and other barriers to trade on Day 1. Most economists say that would send unemployment rising, the value of the pound plummeting and plunge the U.K. into recession.

Many lawmakers felt that three days was not nearly enough time for scrutiny of the 115-page bill. Major bills usually take weeks or months to pass through Parliament, giving time for line-by-line scrutiny by lawmakers.

Before Tuesday's votes, Green lawmaker Caroline Lucas tweeted that lawmakers "had more time to debate the Wild Animals in Circuses Act (affecting 19 animals) than they will to decide the future of 65 million people. It's hard to think of anything which better illustrates this Govt's contempt for people, Parliament & democracy."

After the votes, many lawmakers urged Johnson to push ahead with the bill after securing a delay to Brexit. Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn urged the prime minister to "work with us all of use to agree a reasonable timetable" for its passage.

If Johnson does press ahead with the bill, opposition lawmakers plan to seek amendments that could substantially alter the bill, for example by adding a requirement that the Brexit deal be put to voters in a new referendum, or by requiring the government to extend the transition period until a new trade deal with the EU has been agreed.

The government says such major amendments would wreck its legislation, and it would withdraw the bill if the opposition plan succeeds. □



**Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson gestures as he speaks in the House of Commons in London during the debate for the EU Withdrawal Agreement Bill, Tuesday Oct. 22, 2019.**

Associated Press

Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told French lawmakers Tuesday that he sees "no justification" at this stage for a further delay.

But Tuesday's votes make it all but impossible for Johnson to fulfil his often-repeated promise to lead Britain out of the EU on Oct. 31. Johnson earlier said he could call a vote on holding a snap general election if Parliament blocked his plans and Brexit was delayed much longer.

He hopes an election might break the political deadlock over Brexit that has dragged on for more than three years since British voters opted to leave the EU.

"I will in no way allow months more of this," said Johnson, who took power in July vowing that the U.K.

"If Parliament refuses to allow Brexit to happen and instead ... decides to delay everything until January or possibly longer, in no circumstances can the government continue with this (bill)," he said.

Last week Johnson struck a divorce deal with the 27 other EU leaders, but on Saturday he failed to win Parliament's backing for it. His only remaining hope of leaving on time was to get lawmakers to pass the Brexit-implementing bill into law before the scheduled departure date, nine days away.

Johnson said backing the bill would allow lawmakers to "turn the page and allow this Parliament and this country to begin to heal and unite."

maintain an open border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland. It also enshrines the right of U.K. and EU citizens living in the other's territory to continue with their lives, and sets out the multibillion pound (dollar) payments Britain must make to meet its financial obligations to the EU.

But the deal does not cover the nitty gritty of future relations between the U.K. and the EU: Instead, it confirms a transition period lasting until at least the end of 2020 — and possibly 2022 — in which relations will remain frozen as they are now while a permanent new relationship is worked out.

If Britain leaves the EU without a deal, there will be no



## Erdogan warns Kurdish fighters to pull out of Syrian region

By SUZAN FRASER

Associated Press

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** —

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Tuesday up to 1,300 Syrian Kurdish fighters have yet to vacate a northeastern Syrian area invaded by Ankara, hours before a five-day cease-fire between Turkish troops and Syrian Kurdish fighters was set to expire there.

Erdogan said up to 800 Syrian Kurdish fighters have already left under the deal that brought the pause in fighting following Turkey's incursion and renewed threats to resume the offensive if all the Syrian Kurds don't depart before the deadline runs out at 10:00 p.m.

The Turkish leader spoke to reporters before traveling to Russia for a high-stakes meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The pullout occurred under the terms of a U.S.-brokered deal for a 120-hour pause in fighting that expires Tuesday night, to allow Syrian Kurdish fighters to leave areas Turkey



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan talks to reporters before traveling to Russia to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, in Ankara, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

controls following its incursion into northeast Syria to drive the fighters away from its borders.

Turkey launched the operation into northern Syria on Oct. 9, saying it aimed to push out Syrian Kurdish fighters it considers terrorists and an extension of a Kurdish insurgency within Turkey.

The move came days after President Donald Trump suddenly announced he was pulling American forces out of the area, essentially abandoning Kurdish allies in the battle against the Islamic State group and paving the way for the incursion Turkey had long promised to carry out.

Associated Press

Turkey seeks to establish what it calls a "safe zone" extending more than 400 kilometers (250 miles) along the Turkish-Syrian border and about 30 kilometers (19 miles) inside Syria, where it plans to resettle about 2 million of the roughly 3.6 million Syrian refugees currently living in Turkey.

"If America does not keep to its promises, our offensive will continue from where it left off, with a much greater determination," Erdogan said. "There is no place for the (Kurdish fighters) in Syria's future. We hope that with Russia's cooperation, we will rid the region of separatist terror."

Erdogan and Putin are meeting in Sochi for talks expected to focus on border areas that are currently held by Syrian government forces.

Although Turkish officials say the cease-fire agreement specifically covers a roughly 120-kilometer (75-mile) stretch between the Syrian border towns of Tal Abyad and Ras al-Ayn, Erdogan has made clear he wants Turkish military presence along the full stretch of the border from the Euphrates River to Syria's border with Iraq.

Turkey's military said Tuesday at least 136 vehicles, carrying fighters, had left the region. It said it had recorded a total of 41 vio-

lations since the cease-fire came into effect. Kurdish officials have also accused Turkey of cease-fire violations.

Turkey's incursion into Syria has led to an international outcry, which has in turn enraged Erdogan, who has accused his NATO allies of not standing by Turkey.

European Council President Donald Tusk on Tuesday condemned the incursion and called on Erdogan to pull his troops out of the region.

Tusk told EU lawmakers in Strasbourg, France that "no one is fooled by the so-called cease-fire" agreement, and that Turkey, which is a candidate for EU membership, "needs to end its military action permanently, withdraw its forces and respect international humanitarian law."

Separately, Germany's defense minister proposed the establishment of an internationally controlled security zone in Syria.

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer told German news agency dpa that "the creation of an internationally controlled security zone with the inclusion of Turkey and Russia" would have the goal of deescalating the situation in northern Syria.

The German parliament would need to decide on whether German troops could participate in such a zone, Kramp-Karrenbauer said. She also told broadcaster Deutsche Welle that Chancellor Angela Merkel had been informed of the proposal.

Syrian state media reported Tuesday that government forces entered new areas in the northeastern province of Hassakeh as part of an agreement they reached with the main Syrian Kurdish group in the area after Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. forces from northern Syria, essentially abandoning their Kurdish allies in the fight against IS. The areas that the Syrian government and the Kurds agreed that the government would enter are outside the cease-fire agreement reached between the U.S. and Turkey. □

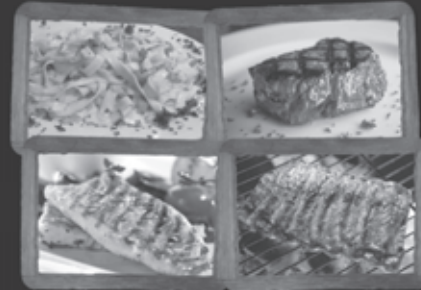
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## Hong Kong, Taiwan spar over fugitive case that led to unrest

By KELVIN CHAN

Associated Press

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Hong Kong is feuding with Taiwan over a fugitive murder suspect whose case indirectly sparked mass protests in Hong Kong in opposition to an unpopular extradition bill.

Hong Kong officials pleaded on Tuesday for authorities in Taiwan to let the man surrender himself for killing his girlfriend while visiting the self-ruled island last year.

Taiwan's premier, Su Tseng-chang, rejected the idea, saying Chan Tong-kai should instead go on trial in Hong Kong when he is released Wednesday after serving a sentence for money laundering offenses.

Su said Taiwan has offered its cooperation on handling the case since it began but had received no response from Hong Kong.

"Now they drastically changed their attitude, saying that they will send him to Taiwan," Su said. "This



is very strange."

Formal cooperation with Taiwan would require Hong Kong, a semi-autonomous Chinese territory, to recognize the island's legal bodies as a legitimate official authority. That's something

the ruling Communist Party in Beijing wouldn't stomach because it considers Taiwan a breakaway province and refuses to acknowledge the administration of directly elected President Tsai Ing-wen.

Taiwan later changed tack. Officials said that with Hong Kong unresponsive to requests for formal cooperation, the Taiwanese government's Mainland Affairs Council wrote a letter offering to send a team to es-

cort Chan back, said Chiu Chui-cheung, the council's deputy director.

They hoped Hong Kong officials would receive them and hand over Chan along with any evidence and testimony collected in the case, he said.

"If Hong Kong won't handle it, we will handle it," Chiu said. "We hope the Hong Kong side can coordinate with our people coming to Hong Kong to verify the identity of the suspect and bring him back."

Hong Kong's leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, had cited Chan's case as one of the main reasons behind proposed changes to Hong Kong's extradition laws, saying it presented a "loophole" allowing him to avoid being sent back to face charges in Taiwan. But fears that such a law would put residents at risk of being sent to mainland China's murky judicial system sparked months of chaotic protests that mushroomed into Hong Kong's biggest political crisis in decades. □

## Duterte cuts short Japan trip due to 'unbearable' spine pain

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**

— Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is cutting short his trip to Japan due to "unbearable pain" in his spinal column caused by his fall during a motorcycle ride last week, his spokesman said Tuesday.

Duterte attended Japanese Emperor Naruhito's enthronement ceremony in Tokyo on Tuesday, at times using a cane and appear-

ing to stand stiffly. In other photos sent by an aide to the media in Manila, the 74-year-old president appears to be in a light mood as he, his daughter and an aide extend their fists forward in a symbolic gesture associated with Duterte.

Presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo said Duterte would fly back to the Philippines later Tuesday and see his neurologist Wednesday but assured the public that the president's health

was not worrisome.

"The palace announces that the president will cut short his trip to Japan due to unbearable pain in his spinal column near the pelvic bone as a consequence of his fall during his motorcycle ride," Panelo said in a statement. "While this was unforeseeable, the public can rest assured that there is nothing to worry as regards the physical health and condition of the president." □



Philippines President, Rodrigo Duterte arrives to attend the enthronement ceremony of Emperor Naruhito of Japan at the Imperial Palace on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 in Tokyo.

Associated Press



# Mounting Venezuela exodus sparks fears of rising xenophobia

By **CHRISTINE ARMARIO**

**Associated Press**

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Freddy Brito had just finished belting out tunes on a bus in Peru's capital and was crossing a street on his one good leg when the driver of a blue taxi sped up and veered toward the singer. "Veneco!" the man yelled, using a derogatory word for Venezuelans. "Get out of here!"

Brito narrowly dodged the car, but it still brushed his body and sent his prized blue cassette player filled with the songs that in a previous lifetime made him almost famous in Venezuela tumbling to the ground.

"If the angels hadn't watched over me, I would have been run over," he said.

As Venezuela's mass exodus persists, the initial warm welcome many migrants received has begun to wear thin.

In recent weeks, several videos on social media in Peru have shown migrants being assaulted, threatened or harassed, sparking concerns that xenophobic attacks on the newcomers are mounting.

United Nations data points to an uptick in the number of Venezuelan migrants and refugees who report experiencing discrimination in South America, where the majority have settled. Though difficult to quantify, Peru in particular has become a hot spot. A recently established hotline documented 500 incidents in a single two-week period.

"It has been rising in recent months," said Federico Agusti, the U.N. refugee agency's Peru representative. "The principal cause seems to be fear of the other and certain stigmas that are developing, which generate discrimination."

The incidents range from housing evictions and wage theft to violent threats and assaults.

In one video, a young Venezuelan woman is whipped by assailants on a dark street, leaving deep purple bruises across her thighs. In another, men dressed in



In this Oct. 8, 2011 photo, Venezuela's migrant Freddy Brito counts coins he earned singing for tips in a public bus in Lima, Peru.

military uniforms announce on a loudspeaker that they won't let "another miserable Venezuelan" into Peru. In a third, a young man pleads with a dozen officers surrounding him not to take away the small box of chocolates he is trying to sell to make a living.

"How am I going to eat now?" he says on the verge of tears.

Those and other incidents have struck a nerve throughout the region. Human rights workers warn that a number of the conditions typically associated with a rise in xenophobia are now at play. Several nations with large numbers of Venezuelan migrants are experiencing political upheaval and economic slowdowns while simultaneously announcing new policies aimed at restricting entry.

When Peruvian President Martin Vizcarra recently dissolved congress, one angry opposition lawmaker took the microphone to lash out against Venezuelans. "Good or bad, they need to leave Peru!" Esther Saavedra shouted.

"It's not surprising that rising levels of people arriving to countries with economies that are not prepared to absorb that work force lead to this situation," said Tamara Taraciuk Broner, acting Americas deputy

director for Human Rights Watch. "It's one of the biggest concerns we have."

Brito and his wife fled Venezuela a year ago as it became increasingly difficult to feed their six children. Once part of a popular merengue house band, Brito said Venezuela's crushing economic crisis made it impossible to advance his music career. The family also worried about their security in a country where robberies and kidnappings are frequent.

Having lost a leg from being shot while at a party in his 20s, Brito said thieves even once tried to make off with his prosthetic limb as he sat on a bench near his home.

"That leg must be worth something!" he recalls them commenting as they unsuccessfully tried to remove it after demanding his watch and wedding ring.

The prosthetic leg attaches to his right knee and requires a liner that should be replaced every six months but is now three years old. It cuts into his skin so painfully that he chooses not to wear it, hopping around Lima on one foot instead.

"I feel like I'm in the air," he said, chuckling.

Ruth Guillen, his wife, took a job at a salon when they first arrived. She said some clients refused to let her touch their hair because

she is Venezuelan. She said the family has been abruptly removed from two apartments on account of their nationality. They now live in a church shelter.

"You come here with dreams," she said. "And when you arrive you find something else."

An estimated 4.5 million Venezuelans have fled their nation's economic and humanitarian catastrophe in recent years, according to the U.N. About half of those are now residing in just two countries: Colombia and Peru.

U.N. refugee agency interviews with Venezuelan migrants across Latin America show 46.9% have felt discrimination, up from 36.9% earlier this year. In Colombia, 51.7% reported discrimination, while in Peru about 65% said they had felt largely nationality-based rejection.

Though relatively small sample sizes, the numbers offer a lens into a complex phenomenon.

Around the globe, anti-refugee and migrant rhetoric has been growing. The influx of foreigners has stoked tensions in Europe, and in several nations, including the U.S., politicians have risen to power dismissing refugees as criminals.

"What we see more broadly are increasingly restrictionist government policies

and increasingly emboldened groups that otherwise would have been less willing to carry out acts of this nature," said Sarah Dear-dorff Miller, a senior fellow at Refugees International.

The government of Peru is working with the Venezuelan ambassador appointed by that country's opposition to document and investigate cases, but high-ranking officials have rejected the notion that restricting entry in itself leads to xenophobic behavior.

"There's no evidence that shows the government has fueled any act of xenophobia," Peruvian Prime Minister Vicente Zaballos said recently.

Carlos Scull, the envoy, said he is urging officials to regularize the status of tens of thousands of Venezuelan migrants who do not have permission to work as one step that could potentially help foster better relations with Peruvians.

"We don't think Peru is a xenophobic country," he said. "But obviously there are small focal points of discrimination."

Agusti, the U.N. representative, said advocates are also working to combat misleading media coverage that has created a widespread perception that Venezuelans are responsible for rising crime. He said statistics from Peru's prisons agency indicate that just five of every 10,000 Venezuelans living in the nation have been imprisoned and accused of a crime.

"The vast, vast majority are not connected to crime," he said.

Brito, for his part, tries not be affected by the disparaging remarks he sometimes hears.

On the day he was nearly run over, he walked home, cleaned himself up and went back out singing. It was his youngest son's birthday, and he was trying to collect enough money to buy him a bike. Soon after, he penned a song in tribute to Peru. "I think Peru is a paradise," the song begins. "If I'm born again, this is where I'll begin." □



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Kingdom Report Sounds Alarm on Biodiversity Conservation in the Dutch Caribbean  
Only Four of Twenty Biodiversity Targets On Track to Achieve Goals in the Dutch Caribbean

KRALENDIJK, BONAIRE — A recently published report issued by the Kingdom of the Netherlands has sounded the alarm that only four of twenty ‘Aichi Targets’ of the ‘Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)’ have been achieved in the Dutch Caribbean, highlighting increased need for conservation management actions in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom. The CBD is an international agreement under the United Nations Environment Program that aims to provide an international legal framework to support the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, ensuring the preservation of biological diversity of contracting parties.

In order to achieve this, the contracting parties to the CBD have established a set of goals and targets to promote conservation and sustainable use of natural resources worldwide known as the Aichi Targets. The Kingdom of the Netherlands highlights that of the twenty targets which were set for 2020 only four are on track of being achieved on time. These results stress the immediate need for action by conservation groups and government agencies alike. The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) stresses that although current support from the Netherlands is mainly aimed at the islands of Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire which are now constitutionally part of the Netherlands, nature knows no borders and it is therefore of the utmost importance that the Kingdom of the Netherlands supports the nature conservation plans and projects of all six Dutch Caribbean Islands. The current Strategic Plan for Diversity was signed by all contracting parties of the CBD convention in 2010 and runs through 2020. The

plan highlights twenty biodiversity benchmarks known as the “Aichi Biodiversity Targets”. Every five years, each participating country including the Kingdom of the Netherlands is expected to submit a National Report on the current status for these benchmarks, the latest report gives an update through 2018. Since 2010, the Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of the Netherlands, with the public entities Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius; and three autonomous countries, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Collectively Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten are called the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands or the Dutch Caribbean.

Alarming Trends

This most recent report from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, released in April this year, states that although there has been some significant progress toward meeting the national targets, the 2020 deadline will not be fully met. For the Dutch Caribbean, the largest threats to reaching the Aichi Targets are amongst others overgrazing by free roaming feral livestock, invasive species, overfishing, and pollution. These threats make island habitats less resilient to the major threat of climate change. The report also states that not enough is being done to deal with these local threats. In total sixteen of the twenty Aichi targets are not on track for one or more of the Dutch Caribbean islands in achieving the 2020 targets. Additionally, a total of 13 targets are on progress but at an insufficient rate for some of the islands. Furthermore, it was found that, for the Dutch Caribbean islands, an alarming five of the Aichi Targets had a worsening trend,



while no significant change was seen for 50% of the targets for some of the Dutch Caribbean islands. The five targets with a worsening trend on some or all of the Dutch Caribbean islands includes (5) loss of natural habitats, (7) sustainable agriculture, (12) reducing risk of extinction, (14) ecosystem services, (15) ecosystem restoration and resilience. Successes The report did highlight some successes for the Dutch Caribbean and four targets are currently on track to reach the 2020 targets for some of the islands. These Aichi targets are (1) awareness of biodiversity, (2) biodiversity values integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning, (8) pollution reduction and (17) establishing biodiversity strategies and action plans. The report reflects positively on the public awareness campaigns across all of the Dutch Caribbean that stresses the importance of protecting nature, reducing pollution and encouraging sustainable use of resources. The other three targets are only on track to achieve the targets on the so-called BES-islands of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. In many cases, long-term monitoring data is lacking for many of the twenty Aichi Targets on each of the six Dutch Caribbean islands, therefore, the analysis completed was based on experts’ judgments and the actual success varied significantly across the six Dutch Caribbean islands. Since 2010, the BES islands saw an overall increase in funding support and conservation actions, and therefore probably saw greater improvements when compared against Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, though clearly not enough.

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**Aichi Targets**

1. Public Awareness
2. Integrated biodiversity values
3. Removal of perverse incentives
4. Sustainable production/consumption
5. Loss of natural habitats
6. Sustainable Fisheries
7. Sustainable Agriculture
8. Pollution
9. Invasive Alien Species
10. Climate Change/Ocean Acidification
11. Protected Areas
12. Reducing risk of extinction
13. Genetic Diversity
14. Ecosystem Services
15. Ecosystem restoration and resilience
16. Nagoya ABS Protocol
17. NBSAP Revision
18. Traditional Environmental
19. Knowledge Transfer
20. Resource Mobilisation

AUA - Aruba  
BON - Bonaire  
CUR - Curaçao  
SAB - Saba  
EUX - Sint Eustatius  
SXM - Sint Maarten  
All - All Six Dutch Caribbean Islands  
N/A - Not Applicable



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### Urgent call for support to all islands

The CBD report highlights both the successes and failures of current environmental policies and management practices in the Dutch Caribbean. The six Dutch Caribbean islands are a part of the larger Caribbean Islands Biodiversity Hotspot including many natural habitats including coral reefs, mangrove forests, seagrass beds,

tropical cloud and rain forests, and caves all with a high level of biodiversity (number of plant and animal species). These islands are highly dependent on the health of these ecosystems both economically and socially. For all Dutch Caribbean islands to meet the Aichi Targets will not be possible without continued support from local conservation groups, public volunteers and governmental aid.

The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) is a non-profit foun-

dation that works with dedicated nature management organizations on the six Dutch Caribbean islands to protect biodiversity and stimulate sustainable nature conservation efforts. Every island in the Dutch Caribbean has its own unique natural habitats but faces similar challenges to keep them protected. Climate change, deforestation, overfishing, sargassum influx events, rampant construction and the effects of unsustainable tourism are only a few examples.

Collaboration and knowledge sharing is critical in maximizing the efficiency of these efforts.

The full report for the Kingdom of the Netherlands can be found here: <https://www.dcbd.nl/document/sixth-national-report-kingdom-netherlands>. Resources: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. 2019. Convention of Biological Diversity Sixth National Report of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. □

## Aruba will raise mosaic wall at San Nicolas Awareness about malnutrition of our children



**ORANJESTAD —** Soon Aruba will have its first mosaic Wall to create awareness about malnutrition of our children. Creative center Cosecha works together with local artists to make this wall happen. Also the foundation 'Ban uni man pa cria nos muchanan' or 'Let's unite to raise our children' is part of the team behind this project.

Aruba is the first one within the region to have a mosaic wall that at the same time carries a social message. Aruba wishes to contribute to the world's community of mosaic walls as worldwide communities are building mosaic walls to create awareness about certain social issues. For example in Argentina the foundation Conin is fighting malnutrition of children already for 25 years. In-

spired by the work of this foundation an Argentinian journalist launched the 'Organization of walls for a Argentina without malnutrition of children'.

The goal of this organization is to create awareness on the topic as well as asking attention for the foundation Conin and their work. From here the project collaborated with international artists and in that light Aruba was approached too. With Aruba's participation the island is part of a worldwide project that focusses on this topic. To build a mosaic wall also means choosing for a sustainable way because no paper is used, the environment is lifted by a colorful wall and there is attention for the topic.

The wall will be created in

San Nicolas, Aruba's town of art and culture. The wall is part of a store for children's articles which is the Patrice Store. Many hands are needed to realize the wall and that reflects in the image that will be used: the hand. The hand symbolizes the child asking for healthy food and the hand that gives the alimentation. The image focusses on the child that receives malnutrition because of social or economic problems, because

of bad customs to choose for unhealthy food and because of financial issues.

Everyone can decorate their own 'hand of mosaic'. These will be placed in a design of a 'watapana' tree symbolizing that we need to stay grounded and go in the right direction. The design comes from illustrator Ria Arrindell-Broeks.

Cosecha offers two work-

shops to create your own hand of mosaic which are on November 1st and November 8. Every hand of mosaic that is created will be part of the official wall of mosaic. For more information you may contact Cosecha San Nicolas by phone: +297 5878708 or Cosecha Oranjestad at +297 5878709. You can also email to [cosecha-workshop@gmail.com](mailto:cosecha-workshop@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Aruba-Cosecha](https://www.facebook.com/Aruba-Cosecha). □





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## Bohemian Restaurant: Eclectic surprise with French core



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Make your reservations through their website: <https://bohemiaanaruba.com>. Call them at 00 297 280 8448. Facebook: Bohemian. □



From 7 PM tonight Spanish Paella and much more is on the menu, of course with pairing wines. The beautiful garden of Bohemian will be filled with lights, good food and live music in an intimate, hip and offbeat ambiance. Catchy Rumba Gitana and dramatic Spanish ballads combine with the passionately prepared dishes to tickle your taste buds to the max. Thursdays Bohemian adds some magic: the live Violinist Angela performs! From traditional French and Italian famous melodies to more upbeat pop and rock and roll. A taste for everyone.

A garden full of strong trees and dressed up in New York-style industrial look elements creates a cosmopolitan vibe while at the same time the tropical breeze and outside dining connect to the Caribbean. Waiters with French



## 'Masha danki' for being loyal visitors

**EAGLE BEACH** — Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority representative Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure in honoring loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor" and 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador".

The honorees are:  
**Victor and Michele Lo Bionde** from New Jersey with their 26th year as Goodwill Ambassadors.

Robert and Donna Decker from New York with their 32nd year as Goodwill Ambassadors.

Thank you for your continuous loyalty to our island. ☐



## Thank you Mr. Goodwin



**EAGLE BEACH** — Recently, Marouska Heyliger from Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A.) honored **Richard Goodwin** from Massachusetts with his Emerald Ambassadors certificate in the name of A.T.A..

The event which commemorates his 36th consecutive visit to the island was held at the Divi Village resort. Goodwin loves coming to the island for the warm weather, friendly people and safety of the island. ☐

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## Today's Happening



# A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

### Wednesday 23

#### Sushi Sensation Luncheon

- Indulge in two of the signature sushi rolls and receive a courtesy local beer.
- Between 12 and 5PM
- Divi Sushi Bar & Lounge, The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba
- Facebook The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba



### Sunday 27

#### Photography Exhibition

- Feel inspired on a loom Sunday by the photography exhibition Intimate Cartographies
- From 11AM
- Talk of the Town Hotel & Beach Club, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Talk of the Town Hotel & Beach Club



### Thursday 24

#### Live Violin & French Cuisine

- Bohemian Restaurant is different, unconventional and a rebel with a cause. The cause is to make you feel king in this hidden garden with outstanding dishes that connect you to the European liaisons of Aruba. TONIGHT has an extra magic: the live Violinist Angela performs!
- From 6:00PM
- In front of Barcelo Aruba, Palm Beach
- Facebook: Bohemian



### Friday 25

#### Bartenders' Brawl 2019

- They may be competing, but you're the real winner here. Join us for the 5th Annual Bartenders' Brawl and taste Aruba at its finest as Renaissance Aruba hosts the biggest bartenders competition on the island.
- 8 to 11PM
- Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino

### Monday 28

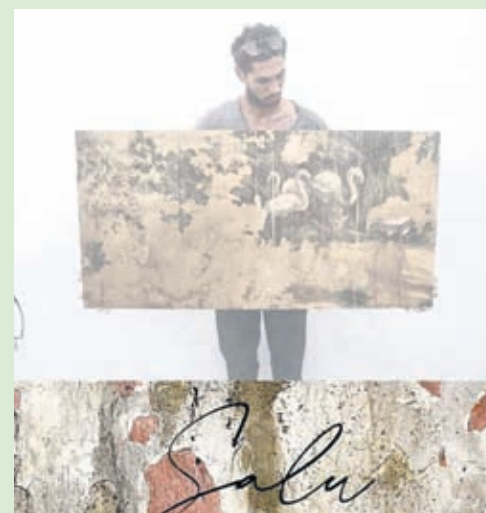
#### Joy of Aruba

- Joy of Aruba is performed at the Divi Divi Hotel by the Popcorn Dancers, one of Aruba's best Youth Dance Group. The performers will be presenting the most popular folkloric & modern music and dance of the island of Aruba. The Popcorn Dancers are determined to bring pleasure for your eyes, ears, heart & soul.
- From 8:30-9:30PM
- Divi & Tamarijn aruba All Inclusive, Eagle Beach
- Facebook: Dream, Dare, Do- Aruba

### Saturday 26

#### Gallery opening SALU

- You're invited to the grand opening of S A L U gallery by Cado de Lannoy. Visit this one a kind "pop-up" gallery located on the ground floor at Palm Beach Plaza. Join us in discovering unique art and support our local artists!
- 7 to 9PM
- Palm Beach Plaza Mall
- Facebook: Palm Beach Plaza Mall



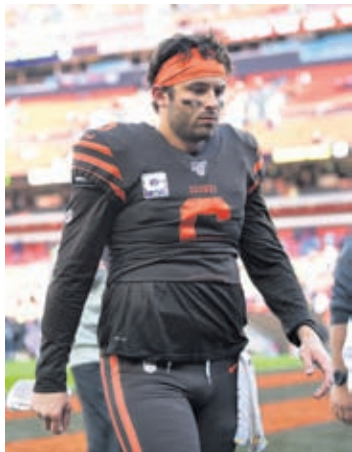
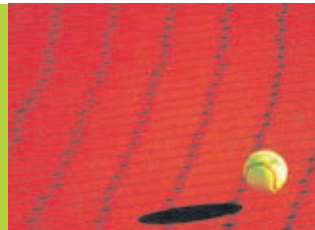
### Tuesday 29

#### Taco Tuesday's

- Lola is an authentic Mexican taqueria in the heart of Aruba's Palm Beach. Lola is sure to delight your palate and stimulate your taste buds with fresh tacos, sumptuous cocktails, and an unmatched, groovy vibe. Every Tuesday they are slinging crazy specials your way.
- From 5:00 PM to 1:00 AM
- At the high rise strip next to Craft, Palm Beach
- Facebook: Lola Taqueria



# SPORTS



Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield walks off the field after the Seattle Seahawks defeated his team in an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, in Cleveland.

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## NFL cracks down on internal dissent over officiating

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL threw yellow flags on Rams linebacker Clay Matthews, Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield and Lions safety Tracy Walker, fining each \$12,500 for criticizing officials. Matthews was disciplined for a tweet he posted after the Lions lost to his former team, the Packers, whom the NFL acknowledged benefited from an erroneous call that helped Green Bay in Week 6. Walker was punished for comments he made after that same game in which he disputed as "an awful call" a personal foul penalty after diving for the football and making inadvertent helmet-to-helmet contact with Packers receiver Geronimo Allison. Mayfield was fined for critical comments he made about the officiating after Cleveland's 32-28 loss to Seattle in Week 6 when he said, "I'll probably get fined for saying this, but it was pretty bad today."

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# TOP 10



## 10 storylines to follow in the 2019-20 NBA season

Houston Rockets guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives to the basket as San Antonio Spurs forward Trey Lyles defends during the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in Houston.

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## Tarasenko leads Blues past Avalanche to snap four-game skid

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Vladimir Tarasenko had a goal and two assists to help the St. Louis Blues beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-1 Monday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Brayden Schenn and David Perron also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who came in with their longest skid since March 30-April 4, 2018. Jordan Binnington finished with 17 saves as the Blues improved to 8-1-0 in the last nine home games against Colorado.

Nathan MacKinnon scored for Colorado, which was the only team in the NHL without a regulation loss and fell to 7-1-1. Philipp Grubauer stopped 22 shots.

MacKinnon has scored at least one point in each of Colorado's first nine games, becoming the first player in Avalanche history to do it in consecutive seasons. He tied the mark to start one season, set previously by John-Michael Liles in 2010-11, and matched by MacKinnon and Mikko Rantanen last season. He also became the fifth player in NHL history with a season-opening point streak of at least nine games in consecutive seasons, joining Wayne Gretzky (30 games in 1982-83; 51 in 1983-84; 16 in 1984-85 and nine in 1985-86), Charlie Simmer (nine in 1979-80 and 13 in 1980-81), Guy Lafleur (10 in 1975-76 and 10 in 1976-77) and Rod Gilbert (nine in 1971-72 and 14 in 1972-73).

### BLUE JACKETS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3, OT

**TORONTO (AP)** — Gustav Nyquist scored on a penalty shot 1:57 into overtime to lead Columbus past Toronto.

Riley Nash, Pierre-Luc Dubois and Alexander Wennberg scored in regulation for the Blue Jackets, and Nick Foligno had two assists. Joonas Korpi also stopped 28 shots.

Auston Matthews had a goal and an assist, and William Nylander and Kasper Kapanen also scored for Toronto. Andreas Johnsson and Jake Muzzin each had two assists, and Frederik

Andersen finished with 34 saves. Andersen stopped Dubois on a breakaway seconds into overtime. He then robbed Wennberg, before Nyquist was hooked by Mitch Marner on another 1-on-1 chance at the end of a long shift for the Maple Leafs. With fans inside Scotiabank Arena voicing their displeasure, Nyquist moved in and beat Andersen under the glove for his second goal of the season.

### FLYERS 6, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Kevin Hayes, Michael Raffl, Matt Niskanen and Oskar Lindblom all scored in the second period as Philadelphia snapped a four-game losing streak.

Travis Konecny scored a

power-play goal just 4:15 into the game for the Flyers, and they took off from there, an appetizer for what would be the Flyers first four-goal period since March 15, 2019 against Toronto. Raffl added his second of the night late in the third. Brian Elliott had 33 saves for the Flyers, 25 straight through the first two periods when they played more like an Eastern Conference contender than the one that entered buried near the bottom of the standings.

### STARS 2, SENATORS 1

**DALLAS (AP)** — Joe Pavelski scored a power-play goal midway through the second period, and Dallas won its second straight.

Radek Faksa also scored for Dallas, and Anton Khu-



Colorado Avalanche goaltender Philipp Grubauer, of Germany, deflects a shot on goal from St. Louis Blues' Jaden Schwartz (17) during the third period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, in St. Louis.

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dobin made 19 saves for his first win in four games this season. The Stars won for the first time in four home games.

Vladislav Namestnikov scored his team-high fourth

of the season with 1:12 left to spoil Khudobin's bid for his ninth career shutout. Anders Nilsson stopped 41 shots for the Senators, who have lost four straight (0-3-1). □

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# 10 storylines to follow in the 2019-20 NBA season

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

**AP Basketball Writer**

The NBA season starts Tuesday night, and here are 10 storylines to follow for the 2019-20 campaign:

## NO. 2 IN 3'S

Golden State's Stephen Curry is about to become No. 2 on the league's all-time 3-pointers made list.

Curry enters this season with 2,483 made 3-pointers, leaving him 78 away from passing Reggie Miller for No. 2 on the list.

That will leave only Ray Allen — 2,973 — ahead of Curry.

## NO. 2 IN TRIPLE-DOUBLES

Houston's Russell Westbrook is one triple-double away from passing Magic Johnson on the NBA's all-time regular season list.

Westbrook has 138 triple-doubles, matching Johnson's total. Westbrook enters this year 43 away from the record of 181, held by Oscar Robertson.

Westbrook had eight triple-doubles in his first six seasons. He's had 130 in the five seasons since.

## LEBRON'S MILESTONES

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James is nearing several milestones.

He's 1,101 points from passing Kobe Bryant for No. 3 on the all-time regular-season scoring list, is two games away from becoming the 40th player in league history with 1,200 appearances, and two starts from passing Bryant again for No. 10 on the career games-started list with 1,199.

He's also 522 field-goal tries away from 24,000, and will be the sixth player in league history to get there.

## VINCE IS OLD

Vince Carter is about to become the first player in NBA history to ap-



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, front, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers forward Devontae Cacok defends during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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pear in 22 seasons. And if he plays for Atlanta at Denver on Nov. 12 — or any game after that — he will become the fourth-oldest player to appear in an NBA regular-season game.

The three oldest: Nat Hickey (45 years, 363 days in his last appearance), Kevin Willis (44 years, 224 days) and Robert Parish (43 years, 232 days). On Nov. 12, Carter will be 42 years and 290 days old — one day older than Dikembe Mutombo was in his final regular-season game. Carter turns 43 on Jan. 26. He's older than four current NBA coaches — Charlotte's James Borrego, Memphis' Taylor Jenkins, Minnesota's Ryan Saunders and Sacramento's Luke Walton.

Carter enters this season with 1,481 games played. That's fifth all-time; he's 24 games from passing No.

4 John Stockton, 42 games from passing No. 3 Dirk Nowitzki and 80 games from passing No. 2 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Parish leads the list with 1,611 games.

## DEANDRE DOESN'T MISS

Among players with 2,000 field goals in NBA history, Brooklyn's DeAndre Jordan has the best shooting percentage of anyone — .670 entering this season, well ahead of second-place Artis Gilmore's .599. To put that in perspective: If Jordan took 554 shots this season and missed every one of them, he'd still be ahead of Gilmore.

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES

The NBA is going international for three games this season — two in Mexico City, the other in Paris. The Mexico City matchups have Dallas playing Detroit on Dec. 12 and Phoenix playing San Antonio on Dec. 14. In Paris, it'll be Charlotte against Milwaukee on Jan. 24. They'll be home games for Detroit, Phoenix and Charlotte.

Dallas will have a bit of a rarity: The Mavericks will play in three different countries in an 11-day span, starting with the game in Mexico, followed by four in the U.S. and then a trip to Toronto on Dec. 22.

## REDICK'S STREAK

J.J. Redick won a state championship in his senior year of high school. He went to the NCAA Tournament in all four of his college seasons at Duke.

And in 13 NBA seasons, he's been to the playoffs 13 times.

Postseason basketball is an annual rite for Redick, a streak he's putting on the line this season with the New Orleans Pelicans. And Redick

mentioned the streak to Pelicans rookie Zion Williamson, another former Duke player, in their first real conversation about the coming season.

"The last thing I said to him was, 'Look man, don't (mess) this up for me,'" Redick said. "He got it."

## BETTER SHOTS

Not only did teams take more shots last season than at any time in the last 35 years, they were connecting a pretty good clip as well.

Across the NBA, teams made 46.1% of their shot attempts last season — the league's second-best rate since 1995-96.

## KINGS' DROUGHT

Sacramento has gone 13 seasons without a playoff appearance, the longest such drought in franchise history — and tied for the second-longest in NBA history.

The Clippers missed 15 consecutive postseasons from 1977 through 1991. Minnesota missed 13 in a row from 2005 through 2017.

The Kings are one of only four franchises that currently have playoff droughts of longer than three seasons — the Knicks have missed nine in a row, and the Lakers and Knicks have both missed the last six postseasons.

## PLANNING AHEAD

For those who want to start planning, here are some key dates for the postseason and draft season next spring: Playoffs will start on April 18, the draft lottery in Chicago is on May 19, the draft combine in Chicago is May 21-24, the NBA Finals will begin on June 4 and Game 7 of the title series — if necessary — is on June 21. □



Atlanta Hawks guards Vince Carter (15) and guard Trae Young (11) celebrate after Carter landed a 3-point shot, while New York Knicks forward Bobby Portis (1) walks past in the final minute of the Hawks' 100-96 victory in a preseason NBA basketball game in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019.

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## NFL officiating

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Matthews had the harshest comments of the three, tweeting about what he considers the officials' "inability to make the accurate and correct calls" and how the NFL's head of officiating, Al Riveron, "continues to blindly side with his refs and the current status quo."

The denouncements came not long after the NFL sent a memo to all 32 teams reminding them that the league prohibits criticism of officiating, including posting "negative or derogatory/demeaning content pertaining to officiating on social media."

While the league tamped down on its internal decent, NBC analyst Tony Dungy said players and coaches actually share in the blame for the flurry of flags because there's an insufficient focus on fundamentals as teams instead spotlight X's and O's and their schemes.

As a coach, Dungy emphasized eliminating pre-snap penalties and post-whistle fouls, which he called "half the battle. Now we work on the fundamentals and doing things the right way so we can cut down as much as we can the penalties



**Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll, right, yells at referees during an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 in Seattle, Wash.**

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that are called during the action."

As Dungy recently tweeted, "You don't see Patriots with huge penalty numbers. Coaching matters."

Longtime NFL writer Rick Gosselin noted recently that NFL games so far are averaging about 15 penalties for 125 yards a game, up from about a dozen flags for 97 yards a decade ago, and he added, "The more the flags, the worse the game."

And the louder the criticism.

There's another dynamic at work with the league's officiating crews also facing scrutiny from their former colleagues as TV networks hire away the most seasoned officials to serve as rules analysts and help

make sense of all the yellow flags flying around.

It's a double whammy. Losing the likes of Mike Pereira, Dean Blandino, John Parry, Terry McAulay and Gene Steratore to the broadcast booth had produced a brain drain from the ranks of NFL officials.

"There is no question about that, none whatsoever," said Hall of Fame executive Bill Polian. "I mean, you're talking about this year alone, Terry McAulay, John Parry, Gene Steratore, I mean, they'd be in the top five in any given year that they worked. And they're referees on top of that, so they know all the rules, they know all the interpretations; they understand what goes on at virtually every position. And then

Ed Hochuli's retirement, you lose him and the three others, that's four of your top five referees by anybody's standard."

Their departures also leave a pool of officials lighter on experience to face what amounts to constant performance evaluations from their ex-cohorts as they enforce an ever-changing rule book.

The league's loss, however, is the game's gain, suggested Polian.

"I think they're a great addition to the broadcast and a great reference point for fans, who are no longer captive to people on the internet that masquerade as officiating supervisors," Polian said. "And I think they're very objective, but they're also cognizant of what a tough job it is that the officials have."

"The short answer from my point of view is that we do not have an officiating problem. Do we miss the guys that are not on the field? You bet. Do they do a good job on TV? In my view, they do a tremendous job and they do a great service to officiating by explaining it."

Polian said he'll withhold judgment on the league's emphasis on backside offensive holding this season until there's a year's worth of data, but he said there's really no disputing another

common infraction: illegal blocks in the back on kick returns such as the one that negated the Cowboys' 80-yard punt return for a TD Sunday night.

"That penalty is avoidable, and the official should not be lax and loosen up with it. That's not the answer," Polian said. "Players need to play within the rules."

Dungy agrees.

But he's already made up his mind about one change he doesn't like: coaches' challenges for calls and non-calls on pass interference that were approved for this season after the Saints were victimized by a non-call on a blatant interference in the NFC championship game, helping the Rams advance to the Super Bowl.

"There are going to be things that are missed. That's part of the game," Dungy said. "The NFC championship game, there was a missed call — too bad. I feel bad for New Orleans."

But it happens. It's happened every year since football began playing. So, to have this rule now and to say we're going to suddenly eliminate or help out this one particular call that everybody saw, now we've got all the unintended consequences (like wildly inconsistent rulings). I think this whole thing has been a disaster."□

## AP source: Falcons trade receiver Mohamed Sanu to Patriots

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**  
AP Sports Writer

**ATLANTA (AP)** — The Atlanta Falcons traded receiver Mohamed Sanu to the New England Patriots for a second-round draft pick in 2020, according to a person within the NFL. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams were still completing Tuesday's deal, which was first reported by ESPN.

The move signaled the Falcons are already looking to the future just seven weeks into the season. Atlanta (1-6) is mired in a five-game losing streak

and off to its worst start since 2007.

The 30-year-old Sanu heads to the reigning Super Bowl champion Patriots (7-0). He gives quarterback Tom Brady another target in a dynamic offense that leads the league in scoring at nearly 32 points a game.

Sanu joins a receiving corps that includes Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman, Josh Gordon, Philip Dorsett, Jakobi Meyers and Gunner Olszewski. The Patriots also have N'Keal Harry, a first-round pick in this year's draft who went on injured reserve after hurting an ankle during

training camp. He is eligible to return to the roster in Week 9.

"See you soon," Brady tweeted to his newest receiver.

Sanu has 33 receptions for 313 yards and one touchdown this season, his fourth with the Falcons after spending his first four years with the Cincinnati Bengals.

He had a career-high 67 catches for the Falcons in 2017 and followed up with 66 catches for a career-best 838 yards last season. Sanu tweeted his excitement at joining the Patriots and thanked the Falcons organization, including



**In this Oct. 13, 2019 file photo, Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Mohamed Sanu pauses (12) during an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals in Glendale, Ariz.**

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owner Arthur Blank, general manager Thomas Dimitroff and coach Dan Quinn.

"I appreciate everything the organization has done for my family & I," Sanu wrote on Twitter.

"Mr. Blank, TD, Coach Q, & everyone through the organization, I am forever grateful for the opportunity. To my Teammates & fan y'all know how I feel about y'all love y'all to death. #ThankYou."□





## Patriots blitz Darnold, Jets 33-0 to remain undefeated

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**  
AP Pro Football Writer  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— Tom Brady set the tone and the New England Patriots' blitz-happy defense took over from there.

Bill Belichick's bunch is still undefeated after another absolutely dominant performance.

Brady threw a TD pass to Phillip Dorsett, Sony Michel ran for three scores and New England forced Sam Darnold into five turnovers while cruising to a 33-0 victory over the New York Jets on Monday night.

"We were able to make some plays early in the game," Belichick said, "and play pretty solid for 60 minutes."

The Patriots improved to 7-0 for the third time in franchise history, and first since 2015.

They also swept the two-game season series against their AFC East rivals for the fourth straight year, outscoring the Jets (1-5) 63-14 in the two meetings this year.

And, the top-ranked Patriots defense was a big reason in this one.

"They're just playing great football," Brady said. "They cover the rush. They stop the run. Make critical plays. It's awesome to watch."

Darnold was the AFC offensive player of the week after leading New York to a 24-22 win over Dallas last Sunday in his return from missing three games with mononucleosis.

He was miserable against New England, finishing 11 of 32 for 86 yards and a 3.6 quarterback rating. ESPN had Darnold wear a microphone during the game, and he was caught on the sideline saying, "I'm seeing ghosts" at one point.

"It was a rough night out there," Darnold said. "And



**New England Patriots' Sony Michel (26) rushes for a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the New York Jets, Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, in East Rutherford, N.J.**

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obviously, I've got to be better and learn from the mistakes, but we will get better."

Belichick blitzed Darnold often, giving the second-year quarterback little time and forcing him into bad — and often ugly — throws. Devin McCourty, Duron Harmon, Stephon Gilmore and Terrence Brooks all had interceptions. Darnold also lost a fumble on a sack, and later knocked an errant snap out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

"I don't know, man," a smiling McCourty said when asked if there were "ghosts" on the field. "We were just locked in tonight as a defensive unit. When you get a lot of time to prepare for a game, you start going over everything over and over again. I think it showed for us tonight as a defensive unit."

Brady was 31 of 45 for 249 yards with a TD and an interception before leaving with 2:55 left to chants of "Brady! Brady!" from the Patriots fans who stayed until the end at MetLife Stadium. They watched New England take total control from

the beginning.

Michel's 3-yard touchdown run capped an efficient drive by Brady to open the game. The Patriots went 16 plays and 78 yards while eating up 8:47, and converted four third downs along the way. The last came on third-and-2 when Brady pitched it to Michel, who easily zipped into the end zone.

"Our guys were ready to go today," Belichick said. "We got off to a good start. That was a great opening drive. It took up most of the first quarter."

New England made it 10-0 a few minutes later after McCourty intercepted Darnold's first pass of the game, coming on the Jets' second play from scrimmage. New England turned the turnover into a 34-yard field goal by Mike Nugent.

After the Jets went three-and-out, Brady went back to work. On fourth-and-6 from the 35, Belichick opted to leave the offense on the field instead of having Nugent try for a 53-yard field goal.

And, it paid off.

Brady connected with

Ben Watson for 7 yards to extend the drive. After a 2-yard run by Michel, Brady threw a perfectly placed ball to Dorsett, who caught the pass over Trumaine Johnson in the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown.

"We had good balance," Brady said.

New England took advantage of another turnover by Darnold on the Jets' next drive when John Simon popped the ball out of the quarterback's hand for a strip-sack and Kyle Van Noy recovered.

The Patriots linebacker ran 39 yards for what was initially called a touchdown, but officials then ruled he was down.

Four plays later, it appeared James White had a 4-yard touchdown run, but it was wiped out by an illegal block in the back penalty on Julian Edelman. Brady's pass to Jakobi Meyers fell incomplete on third-and-goal from the 3, but Brian Poole was called for defensive holding. Michel ran it in from the 1 three plays later to make it 24-0 with 9:18 left in the first half. Darnold's third turnover

came on the Jets' next possession when his throw to the end zone was intercepted by Harmon. Gilmore picked off Darnold on New York's opening drive of the second half.

It only went downhill from there on the Jets' next possession when Ryan Kalil's snap sailed over Darnold's head and he knocked it out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

Michel added a 1-yard TD run with 12:32 left to cap the scoring.

"Obviously, that was brutal," Jets coach Adam Gase said. "We couldn't do anything right. All three phases, we were bad. It was just a bad performance."

### CENTER OF ATTENTION

Kalil injured his right elbow late in the second quarter and was replaced by Jonothan Harrison. Kalil returned to open the second half with a sleeve over his elbow, but again left after his wayward snap.

### STATS

It was New England's second shutout this season after winning 43-0 at Miami in Week 2. ... The Patriots dominated the opening quarter, outgaining the Jets 141 yards to 14 while holding the ball for 12:34 compared to just 2:26 for New York. ... Brady's 29 regular-season wins vs. the Jets are his second-most against any opponent, with only his 31 against Buffalo more.

### MAWAE HONORED

Former Jets center Kevin Mawae received his key from the Pro Football Hall of Fame during a halftime ceremony.

Mawae, who played for New York from 1998-2005, was inducted in August.

### UP NEXT

Patriots: host Cleveland next Sunday.

Jets: at Jacksonville next Sunday. □



## Patty Tavatanakit takes fast track to LPGA Tour

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— If everything had gone according to plan, Patty Tavatanakit would be in North Carolina this week preparing for two weeks of the LPGA Q-Series in her bid to earn status on the LPGA Tour.

It didn't work out that way. It went much better.

That's why the 20-year-old Thai from UCLA is chasing her other hobby in New York. A foodie at heart, Tavatanakit has an Instagram account she calls "eatunderpar" and already has posts from Joe's Pizza, Liberty Bagels and The Big Szechuan Cuisine.

She had reason to celebrate.

Tavatanakit is two weeks removed from securing her LPGA Tour card with alarming ease, and she might have been on the LPGA Tour even sooner if not for a recent change in regulations. She was the only three-time winner on the Symetra Tour, a feat that used to come with an instant promotion. It went away with the creation of the Q-Series, consecutive 72-hole events at Pinehurst that determines who gets cards.

That's where Tavatanakit



In this photo provided by the LPGA/Symetra Tour, Patty Tavatanakit poses with the trophy as Symetra Tour rookie of the year.

hoped to be when she turned pro in June after the NCAA championship. The late start gave her about three months to try to finish in the top 35 on the Symetra Tour money list and qualify for the Q-Series. That was her goal.

"I didn't have a good sophomore season, so I didn't have a high vision of myself shooting all these numbers," Tavatanakit said. "But you know how things happen when you least expect it? That's probably why this

all happened."

What happened was a blazing debut.

After a tie for 34th in the U.S. Women's Open in her pro debut, and a tie for 14th in her first start on the Symetra Tour, she finished second and then won her next two tournaments. She won her third tournament in her eighth start, coming from six shots back with a birdie-birdie finish for a 62 and winning a playoff.

Tavatanakit was rookie of the year, finished No. 2 on

the money list in 11 starts and earned an LPGA card to avoid another trip to Q-Series.

At least this time, she would have wanted to be there. A year ago, Tavatanakit was among 11 top amateurs invited to Q-Series. She was coming off a summer in which she tied for fifth in the U.S. Women's Open at Shoal Creek to be low amateur, and she contributed two points in the Palmer Cup.

She wasn't ready to leave

UCLA. She began her sophomore season by closing with a 63 to win the Annika Invitational in the fall. She was runner-up in her next event. Her heart wasn't in turning pro just yet, and it showed.

Of the top five college players at Q-Series, Tavatanakit was the only one who didn't make it.

"I didn't want to go," she said. "It was weird timing. Me being at Q-Series taught me to be sure, to be committed, to anything I do in life. I wanted to go back to LA when it was raining and cold. I wish there was a cut, but there wasn't. I had to play eight days. It was the worst two weeks of my life." Being back in Westwood didn't make life any better. Golf was a struggle. She wasn't winning. She wasn't even contending.

"I had my worst finishes," she said. "It's a college event, the competition wasn't as strong, and I still managed to finish out of the top 20. When you're in college, half the girls are not going to turn pro. I put a lot of pressure on myself."

She finally won again at the NCAA regionals, but the Bruins crashed out at the NAAs, and so did Tavatanakit, tying for 43rd in medal play. □

## Iran banned from world judo until it agrees to face Israel

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Iran was banned from international judo competitions Tuesday for refusing to let its athletes fight Israeli opponents.

The International Judo Federation imposed an indefinite ban on Iran's team until it promises to end a long-running boycott of Israel.

The IJF's disciplinary commission said the ban will stand "until the Iran Judo Federation gives strong guarantees and prove that they will respect the IJF Statutes and accept that their athletes fight against Israeli athletes."

The commission said Iran broke rules on non-discrim-

ination and the manipulation of competition results. The ruling comes after 2018 world champion Saeid Mollaei walked off the Iranian team in August, saying he had been ordered to lose matches and withdraw from competitions so as not to face Israelis.

The IJF accused Iranian government officials of putting pressure on athletes including Mollaei, who is now in hiding in Germany and could potentially go to the Olympics as part of the International Olympic Committee's refugee team.

According to the commission, Iran accused Mollaei of making false claims

in order to "speed up his change of nationality process" and denied he had ever come under government pressure.

The commission says it found that argument to be untrue.

Iran has already missed some events because it was provisionally suspended last month pending the full disciplinary ruling.

However, qualifying for the Olympics depends in large part on world ranking points from IJF events. Iran can appeal the IJF ruling to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The measure comes at a time when the International



In this Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018 file photo, Saeid Mollaei of Iran, top, competes against Didar Khamza of Kazakhstan during their men's - 81kg final judo match at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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al Olympic Committee is pushing back against boycotts and other political demonstrations in sports. In June, IOC President Thomas Bach criticized governments who "clearly

abuse sport for their political purposes," noting a case in May of a Tunisian court blocking four Israelis from competing at the taekwondo junior world championships. □





## Dr. Carlos Viana

**Traditional Chinese Medical wisdom reminds us that something as small as the flutter of a butterfly's wing can ultimately cause a hurricane halfway around the world. The admonition is to remember the cascading effects on a person's health with just the smallest alteration to the body. For us Oriental Medical Doctors health is maintained by attaining a delicate balance of yin and yang energies.**

Blooming orchids sway in the early morning breeze in our clinic's consultation area located under the shade of a huge Ficus Benjamin. The waiting area is filled with women suffering from many different symptoms. A young female adolescent is here with her parents who are concerned that their daughter is showing signs of sexual maturation at age nine. I see swollen legs on another woman suffering from water retention while her waist and hips sag from the stored fat.

Women have come to our clinic because of sluggish blood circulation, debilitating migraine headaches; others are here because fibroids and endometriosis is making getting pregnant difficult. Others are here for looking for help with mood swings. Some slightly older women are here with open leg sores developed because their small arteries have clotted impairing their circulation. I recognize a woman who has had a slight stroke and wants our help to prevent another. Today is another day of helping these women to get a control of their sex hormones.

## Butterfly Flutter

Most women in our Western cultures are estrogen dominant, but there are aspects that are worsening the situation. I never would want to take away a woman's right to take charge of her body to take steps to avoid unplanned pregnancies or reduce the symptoms of menopause. The ability of synthetic estrogen drugs to prevent unplanned pregnancies and reduce menopause symptoms might be reassuring to many women, but the side effects can be devastating.

Many women who use hormone drugs complain of severe abdominal pain that cannot be explained by food intake or stomach flu; severe or sudden chest pain or shortness of breath; unusual or suddenly severe headaches with dizziness or vomiting; eye problems that include blurred vision, flashing lights or blindness; severe leg pain or numbness in the calf or thigh. Other women will complain of nausea; skin changes; and weight change or fluid retention. Hormone replacement (HRT) for menopause, "The Pill", especially the latest "patch" that limit your cycle to only four periods a year contain large amounts of estrogen that will increase your risk of heart attacks, breast cancers, strokes and pulmonary embolism.

Worse of all for many women and men, birth control pills or the "patch" mask the ovarian function, floods your body with excessive estrogen that thickens your vaginal lining and chills up your G-spot and epicenter nerves due to insufficient testosterone and kills the secretion during sex of the orgasm hormone, Oxytocin, from the pituitary gland. You can be very wet but cannot get an orgasm.

Many young women who are using birth control pills to control their menstrual cycles, irregular bleeding, cysts, or endometriosis are headed to more problems. Birth control pills never correct the underlying dysfunction. It is essential to balance the adrenal glands in these situations, as cortisol levels modulate and control the female hormones, especially progesterone. Most of the menstrual problems, but certainly not all, are related to low progesterone levels in the last half of the cycle.

Oral contraceptives and HRT are synthetic hor-

mones that the body is not designed to be exposed to. Long term use will invariably increase the user's risk of developing serious chronic illness. It is important to remember that synthetic hormone drugs can deplete your body of B – complex vitamins, folic acid, vitamin C, magnesium and zinc. The use of birth control pills is a major risk factor for developing yeast overgrowth because it promotes estrogen dominance. Because birth control pills give a woman's hormonal system a continual stream of estrogen, an imbalance is created. The yeast, *Candida albicans*, generally makes its home in the digestive tract. But, in a modern society where common lifestyle choices for women include birth control pills, antibiotics, a highly refined bread and sugar diet, coupled with high stress levels, *Candida* overgrowth can have wide-ranging effects causing problems far beyond the common vaginal infection.

Symptoms ranging from migraines to infertility, endometriosis, psoriasis, PMS, depression, fibromyalgia, digestive disorders and many other seemingly unrelated health problems have been attributed to yeast overgrowth. Our clinical results show that treating yeast overgrowth with colon hydrotherapy and dietary changes often alleviates these symptoms. These symptoms can be so widespread that it is difficult for patients and most doctors to comprehend that this is could be related to one underlying cause. Get the Point! In my professional opinion, birth control pills or hormone replacement for menopause have absolutely no therapeutic benefit that outweighs their huge risks. In our clinic we ask all of our patients to stop them at the end of their current cycle. I am sympathetic to couples who want to avoid unplanned pregnancies and women who want to lessen their hot flashes. I concede that synthetic estrogen drugs have provided an easy, but unsafe means to family planning and lessening menopause symptoms. There are numerous safe and effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and lower the symptoms of menopause. A synthetic estrogen hormone pill might be a small flutter in your day that could be causing your medical hurricane. □

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# Millennial Money: Vanquish these 5 financial fears

By SEAN PYLES  
Associated Press

Fear can consume you. The anxiety of the unknown can drive you to pull the blanket over your head, whether you're worried about a rustling sound outside your bedroom window or that you won't have enough retirement savings. Financial fears — not wanting to check your credit, confront your debt or even discuss your student loans — can feel especially shameful. But facing those fears can empower you to take action.

## 1. STUDENT LOAN STRESS

Student loans topped the list of most-feared financial topics among U.S. adults, according to a 2019 survey of 1,006 consumers by TD Ameritrade. Student loan debt, at 36%, outranked even living paycheck to paycheck (26 and credit card debt (20%).

**HOW TO CONQUER IT:** Understand your loans in detail — that's key to knowing whether you're on the best repayment plan. Know each loan's term, balance, interest rate and whether it's a federal or private loan. For unaffordable federal loans, look into income-driven repayment plans. For private loans, you may be able to refinance for a lower monthly payment (but it may cost more overall).

## 2. RECESSION ANXIETY

Indicators like slowing global economic growth hint that a recession might be coming, raising fears of job loss and asset depletion.

**HOW TO CONQUER IT:** Shore up your savings and diversify your skills. Build up at least \$500 in savings to cover an emergency, advises Boston-based finan-



In this June 15, 2017, file photo, people walk inside the Oculus, the new transit station at the World Trade Center in New York.

cial coach Kimberly Zimmerman Rand. After that, work toward having a few months' worth of expenses saved in case of job loss. Make saving easier with direct deposits from your paycheck or automatic transfers from checking to savings.

"On the professional side, since we're not in a recession right now, see how you can improve your job skills, your network, your resume, so if the unfortunate does happen, you've already laid the foundation to transition to a new position," Zimmerman Rand says.

## 3. CREDIT CARD DEBT CONCERNS

Paying off credit card debt can feel like a never-ending task, but there are ways to get it done.

"I've had clients who come to us for debt counseling that have the fear that they're the worst situation we've ever seen financially,

and that's never the case," says Maura Attardi, director of financial wellness at Money Management International, a nonprofit credit counseling agency.

This fear can be a self-fulfilling prophecy: You're afraid to check your overall debt because of how high it might be, but while you're not looking, you keep accruing interest.

**HOW TO CONQUER IT:** List each account, interest rate and balance. Then choose a payoff strategy. One popular option is the debt snowball, where you pay off your smallest debts first then roll those payments toward your bigger debts.

## 4. CREDIT CRISIS

Ever been afraid to under-

go a credit check or apply for credit because you thought your credit profile wasn't up to snuff? You're not alone: 46% of 1,503 U.S. adults surveyed by the financial service company Finicity found themselves in just that situation.

**HOW TO CONQUER IT:** Check your own credit score at your favorite personal finance website or bank website, and access your credit reports for free via AnnualCreditReport.com.

Looking at your score and reports will help you understand your options for improving your credit.

"Go through your credit report with a fine-tooth comb and contest any untrue in-

formation," Zimmerman Rand says. "For bringing up your score, start on positive financial behaviors, like making on-time payments," she says. If you use credit cards, keeping the percentage of your credit limit you use below 30% on all cards will help too.

## 5. BROKE RETIREMENT BLUES

"Among my clients, there's a kind of feeling of hopelessness when it comes to the idea of retiring," Zimmerman Rand says. But starting early is most important, not waiting until you can put away a lot.

**HOW TO CONQUER IT:** If you have a workplace retirement plan that offers an employer match, contribute enough to get it. An individual retirement account is a good alternative if you don't have a workplace plan. Set yourself up for success by automating contributions and bumping up how much you're saving every time you get a raise.

Avoid withdrawing money from your retirement account to get the maximum benefit from compound interest, where you earn interest on your interest.

"The magic of compound interest is truly magic — and it works," Zimmerman Rand says. "After you've been saving for years, your investment begins to double a lot faster. For millennials, now is the time to start investing." □

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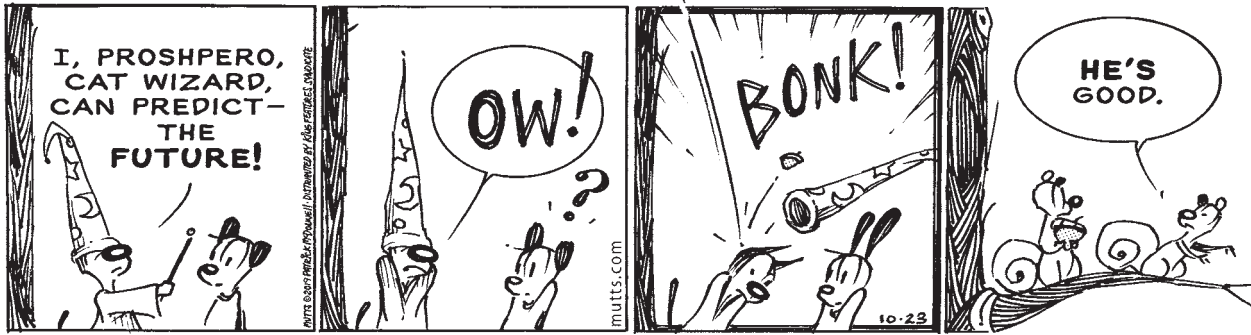
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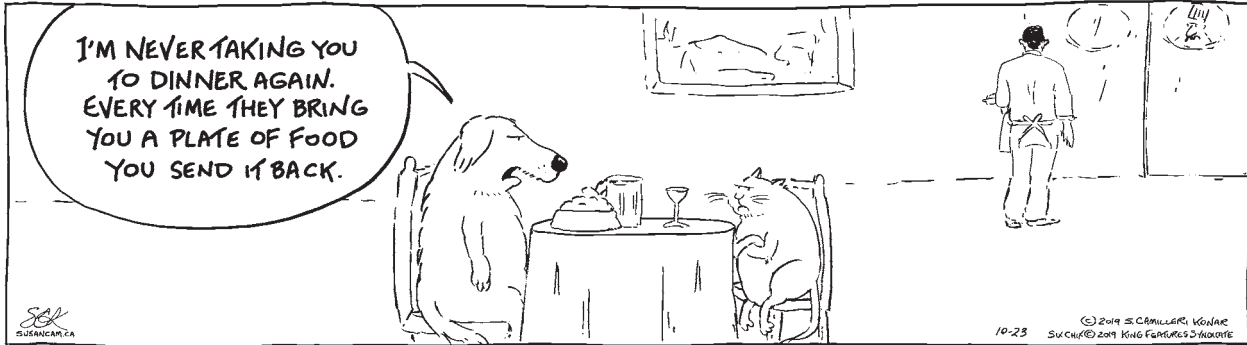
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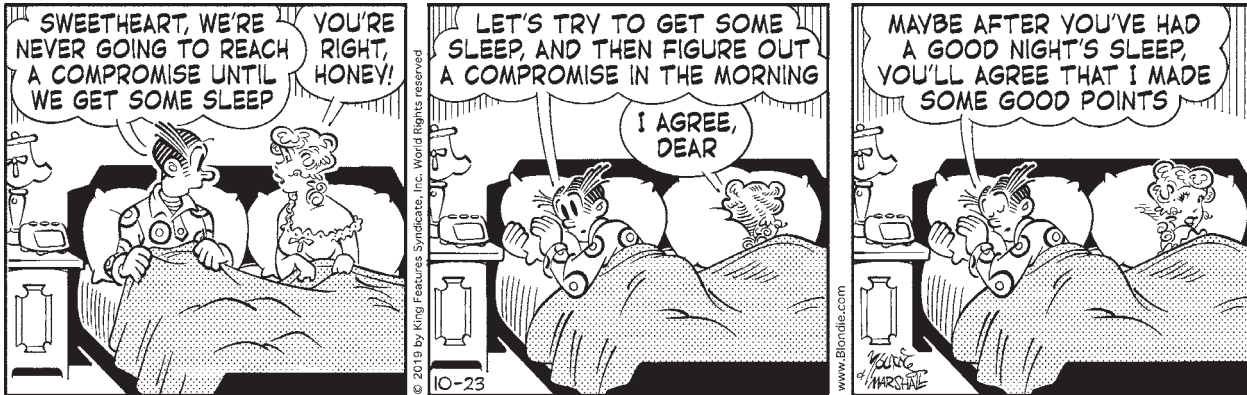
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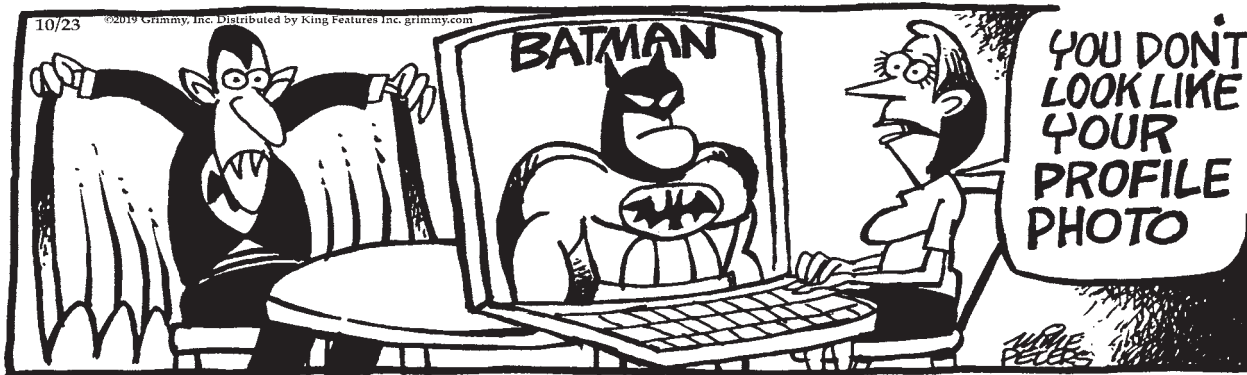
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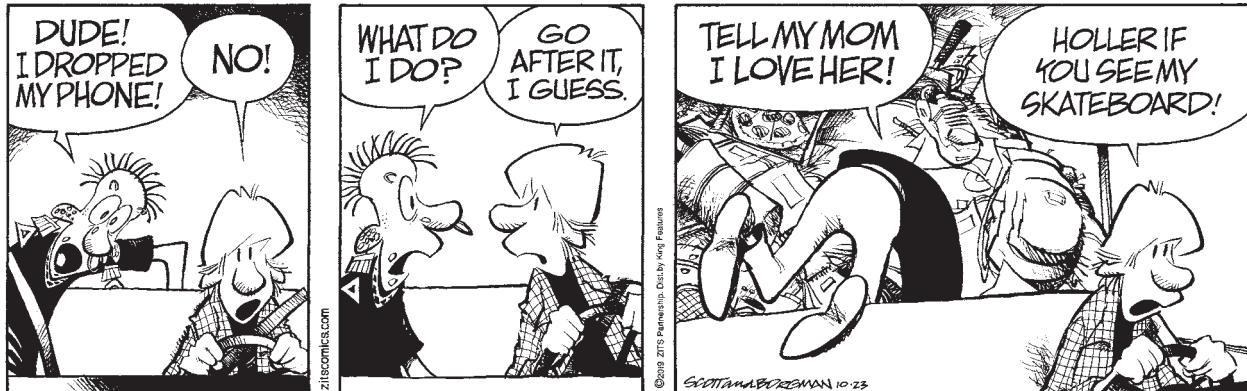
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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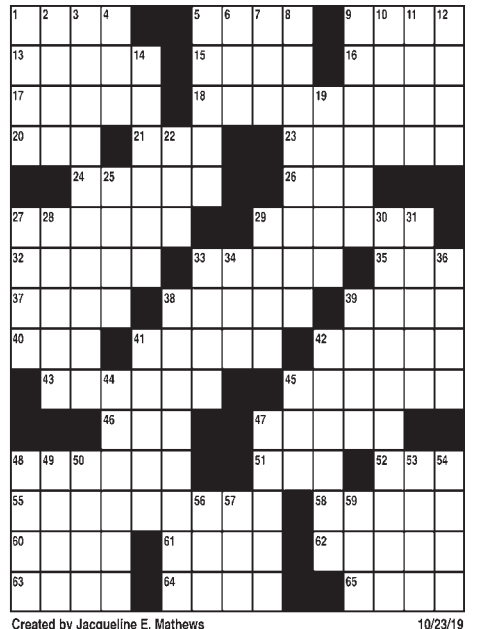
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

4	9	2	3	6	8	7	1	5
6	3	1	5	9	7	2	8	4
7	8	5	4	1	2	9	3	6
5	1	4	2	8	9	3	6	7
9	6	7	1	4	3	8	5	2
3	2	8	6	7	5	4	9	1
1	4	9	7	3	6	5	2	8
2	7	3	8	5	1	6	4	9
8	5	6	9	2	4	1	7	3

## ACROSS

- One of the Beatles
- "The Beehive State"
- Slender
- Large stiff collars
- Window glass
- Skimpy skirt
- Author Harriet Beecher
- Comedians' partners
- Little child
- Compete
- Abhor
- Build
- Whopper
- Pet bird
- Arranges
- In the know
- in; inundated by
- Capture
- Not bananas
- Damages irreparably
- Farm building
- Moral transgression
- After-dinner candies
- about; praised highly
- Oppressive ruler
- Place to buy bread & pie
- Two months ago: abbr.
- Be indecisive
- Like a piercing scream
- Small bill
- Knight's title
- Mentor
- Innocent
- Suffix for suit or wash
- Huge amount, slangily
- Hell's ruler
- Three- sloth
- Argument
- "Auld Lang \_"



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4 180 degrees

- from SSE
- Rattled
- Skater Babilonia
- Connecting word
- of; paying no attention to
- Hits hard
- Scalp problem
- Printer supplies
- Haze
- Harsh
- Actor Brian
- Like slick winter roads
- Uncommon
- Late singer
- Mama
- Look for with expectation
- Without
- Brown or Rice
- Not as vivid in color
- Family tree member
- To; namely
- "Over my dead \_!"
- Curls

## DOWN

- In; jokingly
- Mr. Preminger
- Folk singers' gathering

## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

GAB	PILAR	ITCH
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MENU	RIFLE	BLUE
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ADO	CRANE	PURSE
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	HIM	BOSH
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- "Oh, for Pete's \_!"
- Manhandles
- Black glossy birds
- cats and dogs; poured
- Embargo
- Most terrible
- "Beat it!"
- Tramp
- Reign
- Lendl of tennis
- Actress Russo
- off; sever
- mission; driven
- Community coll. degrees



## California conservation center to host cheetah fundraiser

**Associated Press**  
**BONSALL, Calif. (AP)** — A California wildlife center is planning a fundraiser for construction of a safe house for the world's decreasing population of cheetahs, officials said. Wild Wonders conservation and education center in Bonsall scheduled the Nov. 2 event to benefit the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Africa, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported Sunday.

The proceeds will go toward construction of a facility in the Republic of Somaliland to care for cheetah cubs seized from smugglers, said Wild Wonders founder Jackie Navarro.

"The problem has grown to drastic proportions. Something has to be done," Navarro said.

Wild Wonders conducts more than 1,000 wildlife conservation programs at schools throughout the Western U.S. and Canada. Since 2007, the center 47 miles (76 kilometers) north of San Diego has raised a trio of captive-bred cheetahs that have helped raise more than \$100,000 for cheetah conservation, Navarro said. □

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3 BR Ocean View \$12,500

**Divi Links Golf \$5000**  
1 BR wk 40 building 10  
2nd floor 33 weeks remain

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Ground floor Sunday check in  
1 BR and Studio WK # 41  
Ground floor  
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# Study points to virus as culprit in kids' paralyzing illness

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Scientists have found the strongest evidence yet that a virus is to blame for a mysterious illness that can start like the sniffles but quickly paralyze children. The polioliike syndrome, called acute flaccid myelitis or AFM, is very rare. Since the first reports from California in 2012, the U.S. has experienced an increasingly bigger outbreak every other year, from late summer into fall.

Doctors have a chief suspect but proof that it's the culprit germ has been frustratingly elusive.

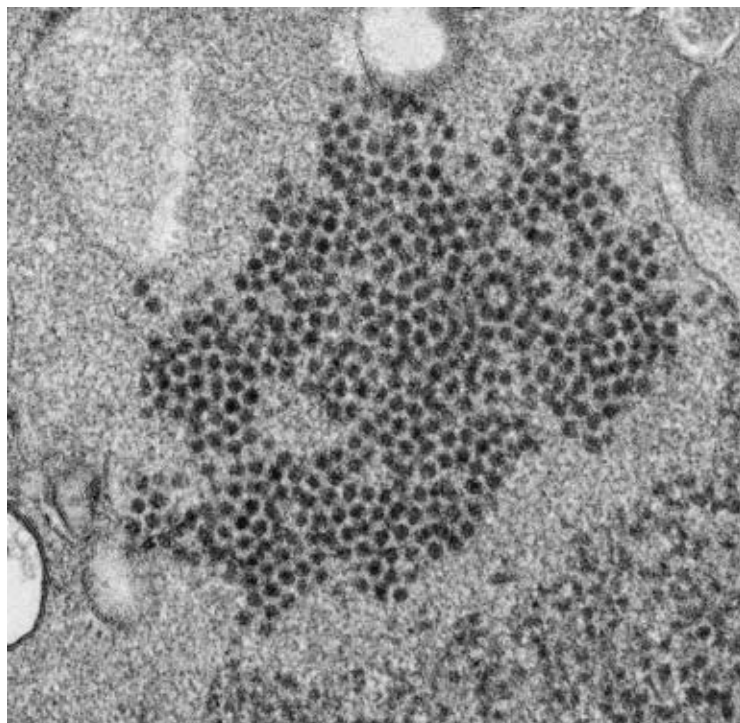
So researchers tried a new trick: They checked patients' spinal fluid for signs the immune system had fought an invading virus. Sure enough, kids who got sick harbored antibodies that target enteroviruses, just the viral family specialists believe is to blame.

"This is circumstantial evidence that this is what's going on, but it's a powerful piece of circumstantial evidence," said Dr. Michael Wilson of the University of California, San Francisco, who helped lead the research. His team reported the findings Monday in *Nature Medicine*.

Nailing down a suspect is key to better diagnosis and eventually finding a way to prevent or treat the illness, said study co-author Dr. Riley Bove, a neurologist at the university whose own son developed AFM at age 4.

"If you don't have a cause, you can't have a vaccine," Bove noted. Wilson developed "a good enough microscope, in a sense, to find things they suspected were there."

Some 590 cases of the ail-



This image made available by NASA shows a map of a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019.

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ment have been confirmed in the U.S. since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began counting in 2014. Cases spiked that year and in 2016 and last year, with just a few in the intervening years. So far, there have been 22 this year.

Bove's son, Luca Waugh, illustrates the pattern: His whole family caught a cold in the summer of 2014 — and a few days later, Luca woke up with weakness in his neck that traveled down his shoulder. Despite fast hospitalization, within days he had body-wide paralysis and trouble breathing. He recovered gradually, and today still has some paralysis in his neck, shoulder and arm.

Either a germ or the body's reaction to a germ was damaging nerves in the spinal cords of patients like Luca. The CDC noted that AFM spikes coincided with seasons when certain strains of enteroviruses — named EV-D68 and EV-A71 — were causing wide-

spread respiratory illnesses. The problem: Doctors seldom found those viruses

in the patients' spinal fluid, leaving doubt about the link.

Antibodies programmed to track specific germs only wind up in spinal fluid if they fought infection there — what Wilson's team set out to find.

The researchers customized a Harvard-developed tool to search for evidence of hundreds of viruses simultaneously — including herpes, measles, chickenpox, Zika and a whole list of enteroviruses. Add some spinal fluid, and any antibodies present would stick to their target, able to be identified.

In tests of spinal fluid from 42 AFM patients and 58 children with unrelated neurologic illnesses, only enterovirus-targeting antibodies emerged as the potential culprit. Nearly three-fourths

of patients harbored them, compared to less than 10% of other children.

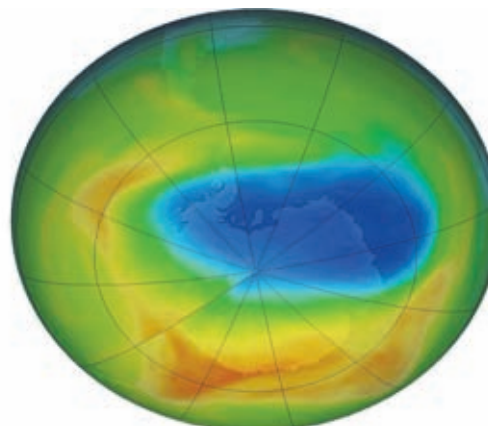
Further work is underway to narrow down the specific strains.

"Before we develop antivirals or potential vaccines, you really want to prove the viruses are causing disease," said Dr. John V. Williams, infectious disease chief at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, who wasn't involved with the new study. "It's pretty compelling" evidence.

Mysteries remain. Enteroviruses are hugely common, and doctors don't know why only a tiny fraction of those infected develop the ailment, Williams said.

And as 2020 approaches, specialists are girding for another possible spike next summer. "There's a lot of dread," Bove said. □

## South Pole's ozone hole shrinks to smallest since discovery



This image made available by NASA shows a map of a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019.

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BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The ozone hole near the south pole this year is the smallest since it was discovered, but it is more due to freakish Antarctic weather than efforts to cut down on pollution, NASA reported.

This fall, the average hole in Earth's protective ozone layer is 3.6 million square miles (9.3 million square kilometers). That's down from a peak of 10.3 million square miles (26.6 million square kilometers) in 2006.

This year's hole is even smaller than the one first discovered in 1985.

"That's really good news,"

NASA scientist Paul Newman said Tuesday. "That means more ozone over the hemisphere, less ultraviolet radiation at the surface." Earth's ozone layer shields life on the surface from harmful solar radiation, but man-made chlorine compounds that can last in the air for 100 years nibble at the ozone, creating thinning and a gap over the Southern Hemisphere. The hole reaches its peak in September and October and disappears by late December until the next spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

The 1987 international Montreal Protocol — the

only United Nations treaty ratified by every country on Earth — banned many of the chlorine compounds used in refrigerants and aerosols. The ban resulted in a slightly smaller ozone hole in recent years, but this year's dramatic shrinking isn't from those efforts, Newman said.

Chlorine in the air needs cold temperatures in the stratosphere and clouds to convert into a form of the chemical that eats ozone, Newman said. The clouds go away when it warms up. But this September and October, the southern polar vortex — which just like the northern one is a swirl of cold high-speed winds around the pole — started to break down. At 12 miles (20 kilometers) high in the atmosphere, temperatures were 29 degrees (16 degrees Celsius) warmer than average. Winds dropped from a normal 161 mph to about 67 mph (259 kph to 108 kph), NASA reported.

This is something that happens on occasion, occurring in 1988 and 2002, but not this extreme, Newman said. □

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## Brooks & Dunn, Ray Stevens join Country Music Hall of Fame

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

The bestselling country duo of all time, Brooks & Dunn, joined the Country Music Hall of Fame alongside comedian and singer Ray Stevens and record executive Jerry Bradley on Sunday evening, in a star-filled ceremony full of tributes to their lasting legacies.

Reba McEntire, Luke Bryan, Trisha Yearwood, Ricky Skaggs, Marty Stuart and Travis Tritt were among the guest performers during the medallion ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Each inductee received a medallion and a plaque that will be placed inside the Hall of Fame rotunda.

Brooks & Dunn were an unlikely pairing of two artists who both started out solo. Neither Kix Brooks nor Ronnie Dunn thought the partnership would last, but decades later they are the most awarded and bestselling country duo of all time, with 19 CMA Awards, two Grammys, 25 Academy of Country Music Awards and 20 No. 1 hits. Brooks' flamboyant nature and guitar playing served as the perfect counterpoint to Dunn's stellar singing and more understated personality.

With hits such as "Brand New Man," "Boot Scootin' Boogie," "My Maria" and "Neon Moon," the pair filled arenas and sold more than



Reba McEntire, middle, performs with The McCrary Sisters during the 2019 Medallion Ceremony at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 in Nashville, Tenn.

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28 million albums in the U.S. alone. They took a break in 2010, but reunited in the studio nearly a decade later to release new duet versions of their hits with today's country stars in an album called "Reboot."

Brooks has often said he never understood why they made such a good pair, but it happened immediately.

"Putting the two of us together on a Tuesday, and us writing our first two No. 1 records on a Thursday and Friday is just weird," Brooks said.

Dunn acknowledged that he was often over-analytical of himself and noted

that even his therapist was in attendance that night. But he said that he tried hard to keep himself from getting too emotional.

"I have never been so proud and humble," he said.

The "Reboot" album and the induction has put them back in the spotlight again and they are nominated for both duo of the year and musical event at the CMA Awards in November.

"We had every intention of quitting, and we did for a few minutes," Brooks said, "But I think we realize now how lucky we are."

Reba McEntire, who has played alongside Brooks & Dunn since the '90s and

has a longstanding Las Vegas residency with the duo, came to put the medallions over their heads and joked that she considered them her "big brothers."

Comedian and country singer Ray Stevens, who learned to play piano as a child in Clarkdale, Georgia, is known for his novelty songs like "The Streak" and "Ahab the Arab," but also the earnest and Grammy-winning "Everything is Beautiful." He is an all-around entertainer who has worked as a TV personality, producer, session musician and songwriter. He currently still performs at his own dinner theater in Nashville, CabaRay.

Ricky Skaggs performed the jazz standard "Misty," which Stevens rearranged into a country bluegrass version that became his biggest country hit in 1975 and earned him a Grammy for arrangement.

The McCrary Sisters performed a gospel version of "Everything is Beautiful," which brought tears to Stevens, who was seated in the front row.

Stevens, 80, said that since his induction was announced earlier this year, people had been saying it was about time he was honored.

"Anytime is a good time to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame," he said. But he joked that if the induction had come sooner, he "could have upped his booking fees."

Jerry Bradley came from a legacy of Country Music Hall of Fame inductees, including his father, the producer Owen Bradley who was the architect of the Nashville Sound, and uncle Harold Bradley, a famed guitarist.

Jerry Bradley became head of RCA Nashville in 1973, succeeding Chet Atkins and bringing in new artists like Alabama and Ronnie Milsap. He helped market the outlaws of country music in a platinum-selling album called "Wanted: The Outlaws." Under his leadership, the careers of Dolly Parton and Charley Pride flourished. □

## The most dangerous celebrity online is revealed

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Alexis Bledel has been bookish and sweet on "Gilmore Girls" and "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." But the actress herself is now officially dangerous.

Cybersecurity firm McAfee on Monday crowned Bledel the most dangerous celebrity on the internet in 2019.

No other celebrity was more likely to land users on websites that carry viruses or malware.

Trailing Bledel at No. 2 is talk show host James Corden, followed by "Game of Thrones" star Sophie Turner, actress Anna Kendrick, movie star Lupita Nyong'o, talk show star Jimmy Fallon, martial arts master Jackie Chan, the rappers Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj, and finally Marvel actress Tessa Thompson at No. 10.

The survey is meant to highlight the danger of clicking on suspicious links. Bad actors will attach malware and malicious links to famous names, hoping



This Jan. 11, 2018 file photo shows Alexis Bledel at the 23rd annual Critics' Choice Awards in Santa Monica, Calif.

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fans searching for videos on the internet will fall vic-

tim. McAfee urges internet users to consider risks

associated with searching for pirated content and always apply updated security fixes.

"Consumers may not be fully aware that the searches they conduct pose risk, nor may they understand the detrimental effects that can occur when personal information is compromised in exchange for access to their favorite celebrities, movies, TV shows or music," Gary Davis, chief consumer security evangelist at McAfee, said in a statement. □



## Tony Hale on playing Forky and the lonely lesson of 'Veep'

A portrait of a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark jacket over a striped shirt. He is resting his chin on his right hand, which has a ring on the ring finger and a black watch on the wrist. The background is a solid blue color.

A photograph of Cardi B at the 2018 MTV Video Music Awards. She is wearing a yellow and black halter-neck dress and a black choker. Her hair is styled in a high ponytail. The background is a blue wall with the MTV logo visible.

This is the first marriage for both. □



## Louvre exhibit acclaims Da Vinci, 500 years after his death

By **CLAIRE PARKER**

**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Much about Leonardo Da Vinci remains an enigma: the smile of the "Mona Lisa"; why the world's most famous painter left so many works unfinished; and more recently, who bought the contentious "Salvator Mundi."

A new exhibit at the Louvre, however, opening Thursday and marking the 500th anniversary of the Italian master's death, tries to sketch out as complete a picture of the artist and thinker as possible.

Drawing from the Louvre's permanent collection and institutions around the world, the exhibit brings together some 160 works. They include Da Vinci masterpieces, dozens of studies and scientific sketches, and pieces by other artists in Da Vinci's orbit. Visitors can also experience a virtual reality portion of the exhibit that delves into the story behind the "Mona Lisa."

"We wished, in order to pay homage to the artist, to be able to show the entirety of Leonardo Da Vinci's career and his development and to explain, ultimately, the sense of his life," curator Vincent Delieuvin told The Associated Press.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 24, 2020. Visitors must



**The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Leonardo da Vinci during a visit at the Louvre museum Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 in Paris.**

reserve tickets online in advance, and the Louvre said it has already pre-sold 220,000 tickets as of Monday morning.

More than 10 years in the making, the project began when Louis Frank, the exhibit's other curator, translated a Renaissance-era Da Vinci biography to round out existing knowledge about the painter's life. That biographical emphasis is evident in the exhibit's design, which traces the artist's trajectory from his apprenticeship with Florentine sculptor Andrea del Verocchio to his death in France in 1519.

With a whole room devoted to his scientific pursuits, it seeks to capture the quest for knowledge and perfection of a man Delieuvin called "a universal genius."

"Leonardo Da Vinci, he is one of those rare men, those personalities who fascinate us, because he was universal," Delieuvin said. "He had an interest in all aspects of nature, we all see ourselves in his personality." "Mathematicians, geometry specialists, doctors, artists, everyone sees a part of themselves in Leonardo," he added.

Several of Da Vinci's com-

pleted paintings will be on display, including "La Belle Ferronniere" and "The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne." The "Mona Lisa" will remain in its case, upstairs. Visitors will be able to see "Portrait of a Musician" on loan from the Vatican and "Benois Madonna" from St. Petersburg, among other works the Louvre borrowed for the occasion.

Some pieces proved more difficult to obtain. The "Vitruvian Man," Da Vinci's famous drawing of the ideally proportioned male figure, arrived in France from Venice's Accademia Gallery

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only days before the exhibit's opening.

Italian heritage group Our Italy tried to block the loan, saying the drawing was too fragile to be moved. An Italian court originally suspended the loan before ruling last week that it could travel to France for eight weeks. In exchange, the Louvre will lend several works by Raphael to Rome next year.

The dispute fanned the flames of a broader debate about Da Vinci's legacy and Italian national identity.

"A Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit is very difficult to do, since Da Vinci has become a symbol," Delieuvin said, calling it "natural" that some museums are reluctant to lend pieces from their collections.

"I assure everyone that the French have never appropriated Leonardo Da Vinci," he said. "Leonardo is a genius who is evidently Italian, he was entirely formed in Italy, and he would not have become Leonardo Da Vinci in France."

Another, still-absent piece has also drawn significant attention. The Louvre put out a call for the "Salvator Mundi" but has yet to receive the painting, which sold to an anonymous buyer for a record-breaking \$450 million in 2017. □

## Pulitzer winner Weingarten tells story of "One Day"

By **MICHAEL HILL**

**Associated Press**

"One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America," Blue Rider Press, by Gene Weingarten

A college student is found strangled beneath a bridge, a baby is grievously burned in a house fire, New York City Mayor Ed Koch is heckled in a church, Russian emigres gather at an airport to return home and an instant replay review at a Rams-Redskins game stretches on for excruciating minutes.

The incidents are unconnected but for the fact that they all happened on a single day: Sunday, Dec.

28, 1986. "One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America" tells the story of that day, from urgent early morning preparations for a heart transplant in Charlottesville, Virginia, to the Grateful Dead jamming around midnight in Oakland, California.

Why that particular day? The year, month and date were on pieces of paper that were, literally, picked out of a hat. Weingarten admits the book idea is a stunt but professes his love for stunts that tell unexpected truths. Weingarten seeks to capture "the soul" of the day through a series of stories about ordinary people

who experienced a brush with fate that day. Think of it as a book of non-fiction short stories.

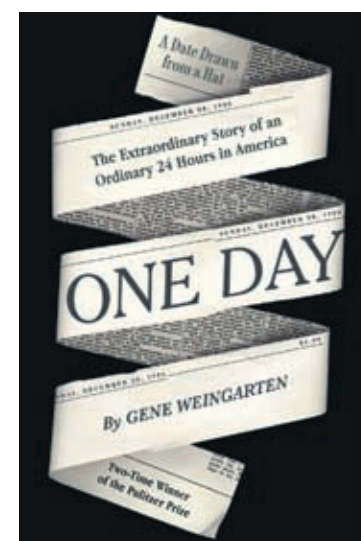
Weingarten is an extraordinary reporter who mines vivid details from 33 years ago. Readers experience what people said, how they moved, what they thought. He claims to have conducted more than 500 interviews for this book, and it shows.

The two-time Pulitzer Prize winner for feature writing can turn a phrase, too. Football announcer John Madden "looked as though he had sent his clothes to the rumplers." Incompetent spy Clayton Lonetree is described as "somewhere be-

tween a schmendrick and a tool."

In one sense, this book is like the proverbial box of chocolates. Some stories are better than others. The story of a murderer's heart being transplanted hours after his death is gripping and haunting. The tale of a girl who grew up to be a tell-all blogger is neither. But the book adds up to something greater than the individual stories.

People on that long-ago winter day experienced anger, pain, tension, happiness, doubt, satisfaction and hope. At his best, Weingarten taps into the wonder of what it is to be alive. □



**This cover image released by Blue Rider Press shows "One Day: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary 24 Hours in America," by Gene Weingarten.**

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## New restaurants show meat-free Mexican is not a carne sin

By **TERRY TANG**

**Associated Press**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — "That's not real Mexican food," "My grandma would slap you" and "sellout" are just some of comments Jose and Leticia Gamiz received when they started their pop-up vegan Mexican food business, Mi Vegana Madre, four years ago.

People saw them doing something new and took it personally, Jose Gamiz said. "We even had somebody write (online) in Spanish, 'They're probably not even Mexican.'"

Despite the haters, the couple's meat- and dairy-free endeavor has built a following. It's part of a growing vegan Mexican food industry in the U.S. that has seen Latinos take control of the kitchen and plant-based Mexican cuisine increasingly plant roots in areas with large Latino communities.

Las Vegas and Austin, Texas, each have at least a few eateries or food trucks that are exclusively vegan Mexican. Across Southern California, there are a slew of options, including a vegan panaderia peddling traditional pastries.

The vegan Mex wave now seems to be sweeping Arizona.

Mi Vegana Madre expanded into a brick-and-mortar restaurant in the Phoenix suburb of Glendale last year. It offers vegan takes on carne asada, al pastor and nachos with a cashew cream-based cheese sauce. Another restaurant offering vegan Mexican and Mediterranean dishes opened in January a half-mile away. In September, a third place opened in Phoenix, also led by a Mexican American family.

Keren Aguilar, 19, and sister Keyla Aguilar, 22, launched Earth Plant Based Cuisine in Phoenix's hipster Grand Avenue arts district. Other family members, including their mother, also work there. The menu includes fish tacos, churros and soy chorizo (Mexican sausage) — all made in-house. They also have a plant-based BBQ sandwich, burger and



In this Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, photo, Jose and Leticia Gamiz, owners of the Mi Vegana Madre restaurant, stand inside the dining area of their vegan Mexican restaurant in Glendale, Ariz.

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hot dog.

The sisters and their parents have been vegan for nearly five years, and it was Keren's dream to open a vegan restaurant. It just so happened a space became available and a family friend was willing to be a financial partner.

While most American vegan restaurants offer a few basic Mexican-inspired items, the Gamiz and Aguilar families are trying to capture the array of recipes they grew up on.

"We didn't want it to have

a 'vegan taste' or be bland. We wanted it to have flavors, so our spices are very important to making it Mexican," Keren Aguilar said.

Gustavo Arellano, a Los Angeles-based columnist and author of "Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America," said restaurants like Earth Plant Based Cuisine are bringing a level of authenticity beyond the "hippy dippy white vegan stuff like tempeh, or they get a taco and put cubes of soy in it."

Arellano believes vegan

food in Mexican and Hispanic cultures has blossomed as younger generations became inspired by ways they can cut animal products from cooking.

"What blew up the vegan Mexican movement was these pop-up vegan food fairs where you have not just Mexicans, but Central Americans," Arellano said. Since opening their sit-down locations, both family-owned restaurants have also noticed Latinos of a certain age sampling the food. Jose Gamiz recalls

wrongfully assuming a father and daughter, both Mexican, were frequent patrons because the girl was vegan.

"(The father) said, 'I started doing it for my health,' and he was like, 'Nobody in my family will follow me except for my daughter,'" Gamiz said. "Usually the men in the family are the ones that are more resistant. I think there's a misconception that you need meat to be manly."

Adults in the U.S. have a 40% chance of getting type 2 diabetes, but Hispanic and Latino adults have more than a 50% chance, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hispanics/Latinos also are at greater risk of developing diabetes at a younger age and getting complications like kidney failure and vision loss. The CDC says some of the factors contributing to this are genetics and the cultural value in eating meals high in fat and calories.

Yet for some Latinos, going sin carne can still feel like a sin. Linda Sepulveda, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, which has virtually no all-vegan Mexican restaurants, would find it hard to give up an omnivore's life. Her house is always stocked with ground beef, tortillas and salsa.

"I'm intrigued by (vegan Mexican), but I think a part of me knows it won't taste the same," she said. "We are always trying to find where we can add veggies, but there always has to be a main meat and everything else dresses it up." While some may say veganizing is misappropriating Mexican food, the country's indigenous natives actually ate mostly plant-based foods, according to Arellano. Colonizers from Spain irrevocably altered the food culture with introductions of beef, lamb and pork.

"They don't realize, if you're real Mexicans, you're not supposed to be eating this meat in the first place because colonizers brought it over," Arellano said. "I eat everything, but I'll eat vegan Mex if it's good." □



In this Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 photo is two of the taco selections at the Earth Plant Based Cuisine restaurant in Phoenix.

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